

GOLD IN CHICKEN CRAW

Mrs. Fisher Making Regular Placer Cleanups.

It is with some little hesitancy that THE MINER tells this story; because the thing is a chesnut, and is usually regarded as a cheap fake fish story. But this one is based on facts and occasionally this paper does tell the truth, even though it knows by so doing it will get the ha-ha from a scoffing public.

Mrs. Fisher, who conducts the Rimbol restaurant on Mill street, has been finding gold nuggets in chicken's craws.

The first was discovered about ten days ago. Since then she has been looking for more. Sunday forenoon she killed four more and in the craw of each she found a number of particles of coarse gold, some as large as a wheat kernel.

These chickens have been running at large in the yard back of the restaurant. There is nothing strange about the occurrence. It has often been declared that there is gold enough in every lot in the Sumpter townsite to pay for it. In this case, however, a lot of gravel had been dumped in the yard, which was hauled from the old placer ground on the river bank. The gold could have come either from this or the ground itself. There is a steep bank on the rear of this lot, which gives an exposure of sufficient depth for gold to be found.

It is perfectly natural for chickens, in pecking around in earth, to pick up shining particles such as gold dust. In each of the fowls the value of the dust found was greater than that of the bird itself. This ought to furnish a pointer for some one to start a chicken ranch on placer diggings, which would practically assure at least a double valuation for every one raised.

Spokane Mining Man Here.

F. P. Hogan, a prominent mining man of Spokane, was in this section last week looking over the country with a view to future investment. He visited the prominent mines of the Bourne district, the Umpqua group and Granite properties and expressed himself as very favorably impressed with the possibilities of the country. Mr. Hogan has examined over 1000 mines during the past ten years and is qualified to express an opinion. He is identified with some of the prominent properties of British Columbia and the Couer d' Alenes. He will return in a few weeks and make a thorough examination of the district, after which a liberal investment of northern capital is sure to follow. While here he was the guest of H. W. Miller.

Base Ball Game on the Fourth.

There will be a base ball game here on the Fourth of July and all ball players are requested to leave their names at Harley Wood's place. Practice games are being arranged for, and it is thought a pendant winning team can be organized. These have already signified their willingness to take a hand: John Walker, Horace Hall, Walter Cronin, Frank Hobson, Theo Houseworth, Frank Rogers, Sam Starts, Clyde Hobson, Andy Stinson, Charles S. Warren, jr., Frank Thomes, Bush Livermore, Harley Wood, T. O. Jones, Frank Randall and Charley Moore.

Letson Balliet in Sumpter.

Letson Balliet, the cosmopolitan mining engineer and operator who has received some undeserved, unpleasant notoriety of late in connection with the White Swan mine, was in Sumpter Monday. He stopped over here on his way to Chicago from San Francisco, on business connected with a deal. Regarding the White Swan, he says he simply bought the property at

sheriff's sale for debts. The company has until December 11, to redeem, and he is doing nothing with the property in the meantime. The Iowa fakirs are trying to sell stock to raise the money with which to redeem, and are making some rather coarse thimble-rigging plays to accomplish this purpose.

City Council Proceedings.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening an ordinance was passed modifying the duties of the health officer. The following ordinances were introduced, read and ordered enrolled: Prescribing the duties of the city attorney; to protect firemen and apparatus; providing for a dumping ground; accepting the east 100 feet of the alley of block 2 in Riverside addition. The health officer was instructed to post notices in all alleys forbidding the dumping of garbage and obstructions. Marshal Austin was appointed pound master. I. A. Manning was appointed clerk during the absence of the recorder.

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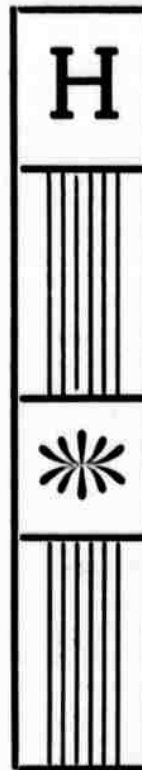
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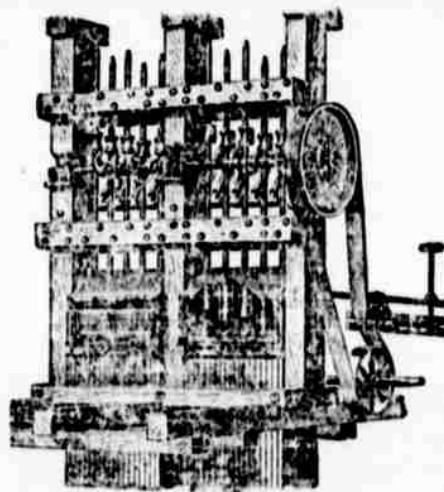
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