

## GOLD NEAR WASHINGTON, D. C.

## National Capital Excited Over a Find of the Yellow Metal.

Washington is having a little attack of gold fever, though with more apparent reason than is usually the case with most gold crazes in the East. The government geologists, it is said, have located eight distinct veins of gold-bearing rock within easy walking distance of the city. The gold belt is about eight miles wide and runs northeast and southwest, following the bends of the Potomac river. It is part of the auriferous deposits of the Appalachian mountains, known in the Virginia section, particularly about Spottsylvania county, since Colonial days.

Between 1829 and 1854 the records of the United States mint show about \$1,500,000 of gold to have been sent from Virginia mines. The civil war interrupted all mining operations. After the war there was an effort to reopen some of the mining properties, but uncurbed speculation worked their failure. Since then it is said that hardly more than \$15,000 a year has been sent to the mint from this region.

Several senators who understand mining are now said to be taking an interest in some of these eastern properties, and there may be a revival of the industry there.

Professor S. F. Emmons, of the geological survey, says that the conduit road that leads out of Washington to the Cabin John bridge, and part way to Great Falls, is macadamized with quartz, most of it gold-bearing, and some of it assaying as high as \$16 a ton. The quartz was taken largely from the adjoining farms. Several stamp mills are working in this neighborhood with fair results. The assays run from \$7 to \$27, and average about \$12 a ton. Nuggets of three or four ounces have been shown as coming from the bed of Rock Run, a tributary to the Potomac.

In the civil war, California volunteers who knew gold when they saw it, are said to have discovered rich deposits near Great Falls, where they were encamped, and they planned, "after the cruel war was over," to return and work it, but they never did so. Perhaps those who made the find were killed in war. —Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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## VALUABLE INFORMATION

To aid subscribers in forming their estimate, we furnish the following data:

The combined Official Vote in these three States in			
1892	1,537,493		
1896	1,684,470	Increase	9.50 per cent
1900	1,616,422	Decrease	4.04 "
1894	1,541,887	Decrease	5.10 "
1898	1,570,452	Increase	2.77 "
1902	1,620,718	Increase	22.22 "
1906	1,572,109	Decrease	18.40 "
1910	1,512,540	Decrease	2.52 "
1914	1,651,189	Increase	9.89 "
1918	1,695,610	Increase	16.88 "

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THE SUMPTER MINER will publish the names and addresses of the successful estimators.

Statement of Mr. W. A. Pungs, President of the Central Savings Bank, Detroit, Michigan:

I hereby Certify, that the Press Publishing Association has deposited \$15,000 in the Central Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich., for the express purpose of paying the Prizes in their Contest on the combined Official Vote of the States of Ohio, Massachusetts and Iowa, and that this fund can be used for no other purpose.

*W. A. Pungs*  
President Central Savings Bank,  
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To the 5th	200.00
To the 6th	100.00
To the 7th	75.00
To the 8th	50.00
To the 9th	25.00
To the 10th	15.00
To the next 10 nearest	\$5 each
To the next 15 nearest	\$3 each
To the next 20 nearest	\$2 each
To the next 30 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 40 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 50 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 60 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 70 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 80 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 90 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 100 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 110 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 120 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 130 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 140 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 150 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 160 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 170 nearest	\$1 each
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Total, 997 prizes, amounting to \$12,800.00

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