

GOLD TAKEN FROM WATER AND WINDS

Catgut Canyon Gold Bear- ing Trade Winds Will be Incorporated.

"I have just seen your dispatch from San Francisco in Saturday evening's Post," wrote Mark, "about gold in solution in Callistoga Springs, and about the proprietor having extracted 1,000 ounces of gold of the utmost fineness from two barrels of water during the past fortnight by a process known only to himself. This will surprise many of your readers, but it does not surprise me, for I once owned those springs myself. What does surprise me, however, is the falling off in richness of the water.

In my time the yield was \$1 a dipperful. I am not saying this to injure the property in case a sale is contemplated, but in the interest of history. It may be that the hotel proprietor's process is an inferior one. Yes, that may be the fault. Mine was to take my uncle (I had an extra one at that time, on account of his parents dying and leaving him on my hands) and fill him up and let him stand fifteen minutes to give the water a chance to settle. Well, then I inserted him in an exhaust receiver, which had the effect of sucking gold out through his pores. I have taken more than \$11,000 out of that old man in less than a day and a half.

"I should have held onto those springs but for the badness of the roads and the difficulty of getting the gold to market. I consider that the gold-yielding water is in many respects remarkable, and yet no more remarkable than gold-bearing air of Catgut Canyon, up there toward the head of the auriferous range. This air, or this wind, for it is a kind of a trade wind which blows steadily down through sixty miles of the richest quartz croppings during an hour and a quarter every day except Sundays, is heavily charged with exquisitely fine, impalpable, gold.

Nothing precipitates and solidifies this gold as readily as contact with human flesh, heated by passion. The time, that William Abraham was disappointed in love, he used to sit out doors when the wind was blowing and come in again and begin to sigh, and I would extract over a dollar and a half out of every sigh. He sighed right along, and the time that John Harbinson and Alce Norton quarreled about Harbinson's dog, they stood there swearing at each other, and they knew how, and what they didn't know about swearing they couldn't learn from you and me, not by a good deal, and at the end of every three or four minutes they had to stop and declare a dividend. If they didn't, their jaws would close up so they couldn't get big nine-syllable ones out at all, and when the wind was done blowing they cleaned up just a little over \$1.60 apiece.

I know these facts to be absolutely true, because I got them from a man whose mother I knew personally. I don't suppose a person could buy the water privilege at Callistoga now

at any price, but several good locations along the course of the Catgut Canyon gold bearing trade winds are for sale. They are going to be stocked for the New York market. They will sell, too; people will swarm for them as thick as Hancock veterans in the south."—Grand Encampment Herald.

OPERATIONS AT THE YANKEE GIRL

Guy Pierson, one of the owners of the Yankee Girl, in the Bear Gulch district, reports that sinking is being prosecuted now at the rate of one and a half feet a shift. Mr. Pierson came in from the property today.

The shaft is now down about forty feet, and will be sunk to the fifty-foot level, when crosscutting and drifting will be begun. The telluride continues to occur throughout the porphyry, and in quantities which will doubtless make the property valuable.

The water in the shaft, which has lately caused some delay, Mr. Pierson says, is now slackening up.

WHILE LOOKING FOR LOST MINES NEW ONES ARE FOUND

Every once in a while some party starts from every mining town in the state to hunt for a lost mine. Some of the lost bonanzas have set men mad. Some have lost their lives on the deserts and in many instances they have bankrupted citizens who took stock in the stories. However, the lost mine has had the advantage of bringing out more of the forsaken districts than any one thing.

The old Breyfogle mine, in the southern desert, has sent a hundred souls to their maker, but it did result in the discovery of Randsburg, and the Yellow Aster mine has taken millions in money from the ground. It was a prospector who was looking for the lost Breyfogle who ran across the desert mines and his knowledge soon became known to the world, with the result that old mother earth has turned over considerable of her treasure to the world and the men who bought out the lucky prospector.

Out at Tonopah the discovery came about by Jim Butler looking for a mythical mine, and when he found it he did not recognize the ground. Judge Hawthorne found one of the Tonopah mines on one of his pilgrimages out that way, but he lost his bearings and the ground was never found again until the lucky day Jim Butler happened onto it.

Half of the mines in Nevada that are now on the map were found by someone who was on a wild goose chase, led there by some story of riches that a prospector had found and then lost again. Several parties in this town have taken stock in lost mines and, while they have never realized through the ventures, yet they are willing to try again. The old Snowshoe-Thompson mine, which he told of on his death bed, resulted in the discovery of the Alpine mines and prospectors are looking for the old mine to this day, and every season brings in a new property from the effect of the hunt. The case is the same in every country and section. It's the lost mines that are bringing out the new ones, and so long as people believe, there will be new ground found where the old was lost. —Carson Appeal.

WORK TO BE RESUMED ON TIPTON EXTENSION

David Eccles, of Ogden, president of the Sumpter Valley, accompanied by his brother, William Eccles, of Hood River, and H. H. Spence, of Ogden, both directors in the railroad company, went through to Whitney and back today on a tour of inspection. The party is looking over the damage done by the floods, and also will make an examination in regard to resuming work on the Tipton extension. This matter, Mr. Eccles says, depends on the condition of the ground. Just as soon as it is sufficiently dry, work will again proceed, and will be completed, he thinks, within thirty days after a beginning is made. Chief Engineer West will be on in a few days to take charge of operations.

When asked about the proposed further extension of the road into the John Day country, Mr. Eccles said that the matter had not been definitely passed upon. "There are several matters to be considered," said he, "before a conclusion is reached. While there are some things favorable to making the extension, the project has not assumed final shape. We may build or we may not."

The party will go from Baker City to Hood River, where the company has extensive sawmilling interests. Here also considerable damage was incurred on account of floods. A dam was carried away, losing the company over a million feet of logs.

STILL ANOTHER BUNCH OF CROOKS ARE GATHERED IN

According to advices from St. Louis the government authorities are after St. Vrain Le Sieur, who until recently was president of the Le Sieur Opal Mining company, which is said to own properties in Lehi county, Idaho. Le Sieur is charged with having used the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, by obtaining money under false pretenses. A warrant has been issued for the promoter's arrest, and it will probably be in the hands of United States Marshall Heywood for service within a few days. Le Sieur is said to be in Utah.

In St. Louis it is claimed Le Sieur came there for the purpose of promoting an opal mining scheme. A company with 1,000,000 shares of the par value of \$1 each was organized and the sale of shares commenced. Of the 1,000,000 shares Le Sieur and A. N. H. Birrell, whom he brought with him to St. Louis, retained 200,000 each, and Fiscal Agents Benjamin Wright & Company, were given 200,000. The remaining 400,000 remained in the treasury. Of this amount 112,000 shares have been sold. Members of the company charge that Le Sieur has even sold more than the million shares of stock to people outside of the city.

J. F. Dunn, one of the directors of the company, who is now in charge of the corporation's affairs in the exposition city, is alleged to have charged Le Sieur with having expended company funds to improve his own property. The Opal company is bankrupt. The former president is also accused of transferring all the treasury stock of the company to himself, including 112,800 shares that were sold.

Postoffice Inspector Platt, of St. Louis, has in his hands complaints from shareholders who had sent money through the mails to Le Sieur.

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