

NO TRAMPS IN THE MOUNTAINS

"You never saw a cat bathing in the sea. You never saw a tramp in a mountainous country. Each spectacle is of equal rarity."

The speaker, a noted geologist, who was in Sumpter recently, smiled as he made the above somewhat startling statement to a Miner representative.

"I know what I am talking about," he said. "In quest of geological truths I have traveled the country over many times, and I have yet to find a tramp among the mountains. Tramps avoid mountains as they avoid soap. Hence, New Hampshire, Vermont, and the other mountainous states are singularly free from petty thieving and all such troubles as hoboes cause. And hence, in those states, it is never necessary to lock the doors or the windows. Tramps avoid mountainous districts because the walking is all up hill there and because the farms are few and far between. A fertile and flat country, with the roads good and the farmers close together, suits the tramp.

"The same is particularly true of the western mining states, all of which are mountainous. In all my recent travels in this part of the world—in Montana, Idaho, and eastern Oregon—I have yet to see a Weary Willie near a quartz mine. Here in Baker county there are too many jobs as muckers and roustabouts to suit tramps. They prefer to jump from one railroad town to another, and seldom get back into the mountains, where they are liable to be confronted with the specter of work."

Found Glory Hole at Auburn.

H. J. Able is in town today from Auburn, displaying some very handsome specimens of quartz, thickly sprinkled with gold. He says he recently located one of the ledges which supplied the millions of placer gold that has been taken out in that district. That whole section of country is a network of these same rich veins, in casings of porphyry. Mr. Able says that where he opened up this one he took out a couple of gallon tomato cans full of this rich rock, and there is more in the same place.

Challenge From Snake River.

All the way from Snake river comes a challenge, directed either against McLeod or Maddern, issued by W. M. McDougal, for a rock drilling contest for money, chalk or marbles. McDougal is owner of the McDougal group of mines near Homestead, below the Iron Dyke mine. He is a brawny Scotchman. Friends from his section of the Panhandle offer to back him liberally.

Tony Mohr Back From Wyoming.

Anthony Mohr returned today from Wyoming, where he went a couple of weeks since to look after a free gold proposition that he and Joe Reed have under bond. It is 100 miles north of Rock Springs, the nearest rail point. He says the showing is very encouraging and while there he let a contract for considerable development work. He has no idea, however, of leaving Sumpter.



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