A very important strike was made recently in the town of Comstock, in the Calico Cave district, when a body of high grade shipping ore was opened in a tunnel on the Miners claim of the Imperial group. This tunnel, which was driven about 200 feet down hill from the main Imperial shaft, has entered the vein below the continuation of the Imperial and Eagle ledges. Thus the theory, entertained by Messrs. McEwen, Arthur and McKeown, manager, superintendent and assistant manager, respectively, of the Imperial company, that there is a wide outcrop of the two veins mentioned would result in a juncture in a deposit of rich ore previously unproved.

The Eagle vein, which is popularly known as the mother lode of the Calico Cave district, continues in strong development for two or three miles, dipping south and west through the Homelake, Hercules and Atlantic mines, where previously opened in Imperial territory, carries a width of 15 feet between granite wall rock. The vein was mined and worked, however, by the Miners, McEwen, Arthur and McKeown, turning over their lease and bond for $100,000.

GOOD OLD DAYS ON COMSTOCK

It is forty-six years since the Comstock was discovered, since people began to say: "We had everything going for us, except to know the mine." It makes a fill day for a revolution in the town, having a few crevices, old fashionable quarters, mills, the only mining known to California was placer mining.

Not one of her people knew much of the reduction of silver ores. But the miner of 1859 was an ingenuous fellow; long hair was filled with great deposits of rich ore, and it was necessary that it should be reduced. There were many problems to solve; how to open the mine was a mystery; there was a mystery how to support the weight of the mountains as the ore bodies were another. Then the new find was on the slope of a desert mountain from miles from water transportation to which no roads were built.

The discovery was not generally known until late in 1859, and then the rush began. What an enigma was the rush, and what a winter was that first one in Virginia City. It is 2,500 feet above the sea, and as though the evil spirits in the earth and air were concurred in the West treasure chamber had been discovered, the freezing cold of the desert horizons were sent to drive the interlopers away. It was a tough place then. Every town in California had sent them its full quota of fighters, and the contest began to determine who should be chief. The safety of the quiet lay in the fact that the roughs did not disturb them. The winter, however, was one of the most rigorous in the history of man, many thousands, sleeping nothing less than millions. But in no other spot was American energy better displayed; in no other place was American adaptability to meet a difficult situation ever before illustrated. Within five years after the discovery the experts from the Haute mountains, where quartz mining had been prosecuted for a thousand years, came to Virginia City to mark and marvel at what had been accomplished there. The safety era, the square timbering, the mills for reducing the ore; the economy manifested in the handling means to ends, were all wonders to the plunderers from beyond the sea.

The assayers and fees paid drew to that point the brightest men in the profession and the Powell securities of securing great fortunes attracted the use of finance from half the world.

That first winter Mr. Mackay lived in a stable and the woods around it, he was wont to declare that so soon as he could get together he would leave the inhospitable plains. —Goodwin's Weekly.

Religion and Commerce.

The following is said to be a copy of a bill of lading issued 200 years ago, and shipped by the gothic company of Ithaca, New York.

To good order and well conditioned by George Fox and James Thomas, of Philadelphia. In and upon the good ship Mermaid where's Master under for this present voyage Robert Grimes, and now riding at anchor in the river Delaware and by God's bound for Barbadoes to sell Five boxes of Soap conveyed to Arthur Law, March, in Philadelphia, and James and Riquey of said Fox and J. Thomas, being marked and numbered and are to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned at the aforesaid of Barbedoor (the danger of the sea is excepted), unto Arthur Law or his assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said goods twenty-eight shillings with preage and average so accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said ship hath affixed to three Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date the one of which three bills being accomplished, the other two stand void. Dated and signed on board the good ship to her desired port in safety. Amen. Dated in Philadelphia ye 29th July 1760. Item: and contents unknown to Robert Grimes.

That Tabor Fracture Slit.

H. T. Hendryx, plaintiff in the suit against the Columbia Gold Mining company for possession of the Tabor Fracture mine, says that the publications reported that he seeks to recover $50,000 from the Columbia, in account of ore extracted, is incorrect. The suit, explains Mr. Hendryx, is merely to assent the contract existing between the Columbia and the old Oregon Hendryx company, under which the former operates the Tabor Fracture. An accounting is also demanded. Mr. Hendryx says that the best of feeling prevails between all parties concerned in the suit, that it is simply a business proposition.

Water Power for La Grande.

The most complete water storage reservoir in eastern Oregon is now complete at La Grande. The Baker Lake Company has laid most of the main line from the city and will in due time a modern plant to generate 10,000 horse power, half salt, $200,000 to $300,000 on the three miles away on top of the mountains. The company expects to generate and furnis La Grande with city water at a very reasonable cost.

Kera Clark, of Granite, who was reported lost in the Greenhorne, while in the La Grande mountains, where he is employed, and who turned up safe and sound the day before yesterday after undergoing an experience in the snow-clad hills, with the temperature dallying with the 20-30 below mark, is probably one of the merriest steel polishers in this camp. As related in The Miner at the time he was reported missing, he left Granite last Tuesday morning, after undergoing an operation for a fallen on his thumb Late Tuesday night he was encountered desiring on the Clear creek trail, became bewildered, and followed his back tracks to Almond. He found himself on a fox and lost his way, swerving about towards the mining office in the country. After wandering all night, he finally picked up his back track and reached the mining office in the morning. All day Tuesday he tried to locate himself and Thursday morning ran across the same tracks to the Sinn Hill district. There he reported until Wednesday morning, which dawned bright and clear, although bitterly cold, and soon hit upon the trail. He was safe at his home in the Morris mine, and is now steadily pounding steel.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Judges of Baker County, Oregon, to be the administrator of the estate of Michael Lynch, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to pre sent the same to the undersigned, as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, at the office of the undersigned at law, First National Bank building, Sumpter, Oregon.

Dated at Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, this 25th day of January, 1905.

J. B. FRYER,
Executor of the Estate of Michael Lynch, deceased.

GOLD FOUND AT FREETWATER.

A dispatch from Walla Walla says: "The gold of the authority of mining experts that the river pebbles being hauled from the Freewater flats to this city, for paying purposes, contains heavy traces of free gold. At least 300 carats of this stuff will be used in this city this summer in constructing the three miles of model road between this city and the Hallowock farm. To what extent the rock contains gold is not known. The gold has been continually examined by experts, and if the quantity of gold is sufficient to warrant a mining of the rock it will be smelted."

The Baker City Democrat says it has high authority for the statement that the Bonanza mine will resume operations at an early date.