GOLD POCKETS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Most Famous That of Gold Hill From Which Town Was Named—Gold, According to Legend, Was Surface Pocket—Other Famous Chimneys.

(By E. W. Liljegram.)

The most famous pocket so far discovered is the one from which the town of Gold Hill takes its name, which was discovered in 1857, on top of the mountain about two miles east from the town of Gold Hill.

In this instance, the story goes, the gold cropped out in scraggy rocks, in massive form that was so full of gold that it required no slight effort with a large hammer, beating alternate ways, to dislodge it from the massive cropping. I have seen some such chunks, originally from this place, and they certainly bear out the statement, the rock portion of the specimens being a somewhat crystallized quartz which, however, does not show any honeycombed features, such as is often noted where sulfides have leached out of the rock, leaving sprays of gold in the cavity.

Legend states that the gold in this pocket went down only 15 feet. I am fairly familiar with the spot and immediate vicinity, and can state that the find was in a fissure vein, strike about south 20 degrees east, dip about 80 degrees from the horizontal to the east, with a gash vein cutting the fissure nearly due east and west; dip, vertical. The fissure vein will average a strong five feet between walls with one to two feet of gouge on foot wall, which contains some calcite and quartz mixed with a little sulphide or iron, which, in spots, contains free gold. A deposit of micaless granite, about five feet wide by possibly 200 feet long, crops in the foot wall side of the fissure. The country rock is pyroxenyte. It is said that this pocket produced at least $700,000, with a number of smaller finds in this immediate vicinity, none over 300 feet from the large deposit.

Roaring Gimlet Pocket.

The Roaring Gimlet pocket, discovered in 1893, is situated at the mouth of China Gulch, about two and one-half miles due south of the Gold Hill pocket. The Gimlet pocket gold was apparently liberated from oxidized sulphides, with very little quartz; the surface showed a porphrydyke two feet thick on the foot wall, and a slate hanging wall; soft gange from one-fourth of an inch to six inches between slate and porphyry, with the gold in the gange; strike of vein, east and west; dip, 80 degrees to the north. This contaained a number of pockets, three between the surface and a depth of 40 feet, where the gauge continued down between solid dioritic walls, with a sprinkling of iron sulphides ines in small kidneys of calcite and quartz, looking very much like the veing filling in the Gold Hill vein. Several small pockets were extracted just east of the large Gimlet pocket, all within 300 feet of the first. Combined, they are said to have equaled $40,000.

Rhoten Pocket.

The Rhoten pocket was in three feet of micaless granite, with a nine-inch band of quartz on each side, with slate wall rocks in the vein cropping of this pocket. Strike, north and south; dip, 60 degrees to the east from the horizontal. The gold was found in the foot wall quartz. I had the pleasure of seeing several specimens that showed the free gold in the clear quartz, without sulphides. A repetition of pockets were found between the surface and a depth of 40 feet. This pocket had been credited with amounts from $40,000 to $60,000. Prior to this discovery, a number of pockets were found in this locality, none over 500 feet from the large one.

It will be seen from these descriptions that the granitic or feldspathic rock is fully in evidence with the gold deposit; this the writer has noticed at the old workings of pocket finds.

Faulting of fissure veins usually show extra large gold values in this region.

Doesn't Follow Leads.

The reasons why pockets are not found at a depth of 100 feet or more are that the average prospector or discoverer of a pocket gets the money so easily and quickly that he devotes little or no thought or labor to new conquests, until the most of his wealth is gone. To go back into the old hole is not very encouraging, as he apparently took out everything worth having; then the hole is usually too deep to cast the earth out with a shovel; it is also getting harder and would entail the use of drills, powder and at least a windless with which to raise the dirt, so that does not size up right. When he does do is to pan the dirt in different places, trying to catch what is called "a trace," that is, free gold, the source of which is called the pocket.

Sometimes the pocket is all out in the trace; at times years are spent in this manner, with varying success. Occasionally outsiders come on the scene and buy the prospect after the first pocket or bunch has been extracted, and get their purchase money back in short order, when they in turn play for a buyer, but at this point development usually ends; buyers, like the prospector, get the idea of looking for new surface discoveries rather than installing a real prospecting equipment of hoist, pump and the necessary tools to go down a few hundred feet and do some drifting.

The writer knows of several places worthy of such exploitation. When this is done in an intelligent way full fledged mining will be established in this region, and there will be found not only pure, free, clean gold but an ideal yearly climate in which to operate.

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Scene From "The Deep Purple" at Medford Theater Tonight

SALES MADE OF GARDEN TRACTS

J. W. Taylor Sells Land in West Medford to Albert Hall of Talent—Irrigated Tract in Rouguelands Also Changes Hands.

John W. Taylor on Monday sold three and three-fourths acres of garden land to Albert Hall for $2750. This land is situated just west from Kenwood addition in West Medford and upon it Mr. Taylor has grown garden truck for the past two or three years. Mr. Hall, the purchaser, recent sold a farm up Talent way. He will move on to his recently acquired tract and will do garden farming. This sale was made by the W. T. York & Co. real estate agency.

Earl Bobier of Rapid City, S. D., has purchased a 10-acre irrigated tract of land from the Roguelands company. This tract has been graded for irrigating and is ready for the plow.

Mr. Bobier has sent east for his family and upon their arrival he will commence his residence upon the land. In the meantime Mr. Bobier is building a house and other buildings on the land. He will set the tract to fruit, and while the trees are coming into bearing he will grow small fruits and garden truck between the tree rows.

COAST INDIANS MAY WED AS THEY CHOOSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—That Indians of California and Oregon whose tribal rights have not terminated need not marry in accordance with the marriage laws of these states to conserve their rights of property descent to their heirs, is the opinion handed down today by the United States circuit court of appeals for the Ninth district in the case of Louise Colfax, wife of a halfbreed Indian, who is held heir to Isaac Gober's reservation land. She was married to him after the tribal custom.

HARTLEY SELLS TALENT FARM

Thirty-four Acres Bring $12,500—George James of Republic, Wash., Is Purchaser—Bear Creek Bottom Land at Ashland Sold.

W. W. Hartley has sold his ranch of 34 acres, lying between Phoenix and Talent, to George James, of Republic, Wash., the price paid being $12,500.

This tract joins the Midway orchard tract and is exceptionally well adapted for fruit culture. There are now 15 acres of the land set to 4-year-old pear and apple trees, and Mr. James expects to set more of the tract to fruit next winter.

Funny how things will happen, but somehow they just happen. Mr. James just happened to stop off in Medford when the mining congress was in session last week and it just happened that Mr. James is something of a mining man himself; and it happened again that he got interested in the mineral exhibits and likewise interested in the fruit producing as well as mineral producing qualities of this part of Oregon, and to all these happenings may be directly attributed the fact that Mr. James bought a fruit orchard in the Rogue river valley.

Mr. James will at once move his family to his new purchase and will enter heartily into horticultural pursuits. This sale was made by W. T. York & Co.

L. E. England last week sold his 43-acre tract of Bear creek bottom land to John W. Mills, who resides on Almond street in this city, for a price that is close to $300 per acre, says the Ashland Tidings. The sale was a strictly cash affair, the papers having been made out and the deal definitely closed the latter part of the week. Mr. Mills' son will take personal charge of the property and develop it to the highest possible state of perfection.

This property is located about a mile and a half from the city, on the Talent road. It has been used as a nursery for the last two years, the Ashland Nursery having had charge of it. It is provided with a pumping plant which operates from Bear creek, and also has a fine spring. About 27 acres of the tract is rich bottom land and the balance is nearly all tillable. Six acres are set to apples, pears and cherries, which are in fine condition. There is a good set of buildings on the property. The soil is admirably adapted to fruit and garden culture.

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DEEP PURPLE HERE TONIGHT

Few Attractions This Season Equal to Play to Be Presented Tonight—New Problem Play Praised by Critics.

There have been a few high class attractions this season which Medford playgoers have overlooked on account of their merits not being thoroughly known. Tonight we have "The Deep Purple" at the opera house and it is one of the strongest plays that has been booked for Medford this season. It is a new problem play and eastern critics place it in a class with a few of the great ones.

ED ANDREWS.

UPTON SINCLAIR TO GET HIS DIVORCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Marshall S. Marsden, appointed referee to take testimony in the suit for divorce brought by Upton Sinclair, the author, today has reported to the supreme court in favor of the decree.

ARCHIE BUTT IS SORELY TEMPTED

Aide to the President Attends Many Banquets and Dinners Where Food Is Fine, But He Dare Not Eat a Bite.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—"Food, food, everywhere and not a bite to eat." This is the wail of Major "Archie" Butt, military aide to President Taft. His is the saddest plight of all Washington diners—because of an unruly stomach, backed up by a doctor's orders.

Banquets, dinners, luncheons, teas and feeding "fests" galore, Major Butt must attend—and not eat a bite or drink a drop. It is his business, as social attendant of the president, to attend the functions, sometimes three or four in an evening.

With all the rare viands and wines offered, Major Butt is a total abstainer. He can't take a mouthful of the "grub" nor drink a drop of the ancient vintages. Doctor's orders.

For Major Butt has been sick and is on a diet. It is a most austere diet, too, and the major is sticking to it rigorously. Because of his illness and operation for a nervous affection caused by poison resulting from rich viands, Major Butt eats only the plainest of food.

Here is the entire Butt bill of fare: White meat of chicken without skin, dryest of dry toast, potatoes without butter, no beverages except water, a few vegetables without butter, poached eggs without condiments.

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