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RICH STRIKE MADE KANE CREEK MINE OWNED BY WOMACK

W. G. Womack, the prospector, is showing some very rich free gold quartz taken from his Kane creek claims—the Revenue, Ground Floor and Blue Bird. The ledge is four feet wide on the surface and has been cut forty feet deep in several places along the 700 feet that the vein has been traced on the surface.

Regarding the strike, which has attracted widespread attention, the Tonopah Bonanza says:

Discovered Cripple Creek

"Late reports vouch for the discovery of a high grade gold camp in Oregon. At least specimens of high grade alleged to have come from Kane creek have been exhibited and a faint forerunner of a rush is evident in that section of the map.

Accounts of the find real like some of the good old stories that came from Cripple Creek, Goldfield and Tonopah during the infancy of those camps, but the most remarkable feature of the new discovery is that it is credited to a miner named W. G. Womack. This is a name that causes every old warhorse of the Colorado field to spread his nostrils and indulge in a reminiscence of the early days of '92.

"Bob Womack discovered Cripple Creek and died a beggar. He never could keep a dollar and he gained nothing from the find that turned hundreds of millions to the hands of others. Womack was one of the unfortunate happy-go-lucky Rip Van Winkles whose name is coupled with scores of rich finds. Nevertheless, few men had the opportunities of Bob Womack, but he was inherently worthless and could not turn his knowledge to any advantage. All he wanted was to see the chance of making a winning at faro or roulette or to indulge his social proclivities with one arm crooked over the bar and a bunch of parasites around listening to his oft-told tale.

Most Mere Gamblers

"If fortune was fickle with poor Bob Womack it repaid others most liberally, for, it is a remarkable fact that most of the men who made fortunes in Cripple Creek knew nothing of the game they played and were nothing more than creatures of circumstances. They were a lot of farmers and jayhawkers looked upon with the utmost contempt by the miners of Colorado who sympathized with their stupidity in locating a territory that had already been exploited by the best talent of the Centennial state. These men had condemned the district and miners refused to look in at the place for months after the first cry of gold had gone forth through the surrounding hills and reverberated from the lofty heights of Pike's Peak. The rush drew a lot of hangers and idlers who had nothing else to do, and they were the ones to garner the millions extracted from such mines as the Independence, Portland, Elkton, Gold King, C. K. & N., Sovereign, Isabella and Jackpot.

"In the meantime Bob Womack sat on a dump or in a downtown drink dump eading listeners with the story of his own vicarious greatness. When he died he was buried at the expense of the sporting element. Not a single dollar was subscribed by the companies identified with the district.

"Let better things be said of the new Womack of Oregon, and let us all hope that the discovery toward the setting sun will duplicate the revelation of Cripple Creek."

Fair Weather Predicted PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26.—Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; easterly winds.

IF \$1,500,000, WHY NOT \$500,000?

TWO years ago the people of Jackson county voted overwhelmingly in favor of bonding the county for \$1,500,000 to construct a system of highways. The supreme court held the bond election invalid, because of the failure of the legislature of 1911 to pass an enabling act carrying into effect the road constitutional amendment of 1910.

In 1912 the people again amended the constitution, restricting the issuance of bonds for highway construction to an amount not exceeding two per cent of the assessed valuation of the county. As Jackson county's assessed valuation is approximately \$36,000,000, this limited the bond issue to \$720,000.

A petition was presented asking the county court to call a special election to vote \$700,000 thirty-year 5 per cent highway bonds. The court rejected the petition, holding that the bonds would find a better market if the amount was kept well under the limit of indebtedness, and the bonds were retired at stated intervals, as they would then comply with the requirements of insurance companies, practically the only bond buyers in the market under prevailing conditions.

The county court has followed a conservative and businesslike course. If the people are satisfied with the construction of the main county highway and the expenditure of the money voted, there will still be ample time to vote the additional \$220,000 for the improvement of lateral highways.

If the people did not hesitate to plunge the county a million and a half in debt for good roads, why should they hesitate to vote a third of the amount for the main highway, which in any case would have been the first road improved? Is it not the part of prudence and wisdom to build our highway system in sections, the most important first, so that we can see whether we get value for the money?

The \$1,500,000 was voted to be expended under the supervision of the county court and an advisory board of citizens, none of whom were road experts. Much of the money would therefore have been unnecessarily wasted. The \$500,000 now asked is to be expended under the direction of the state highway engineer, the most skilled and competent road builder in the northwest, who has built its finest highways and whose repute is nation wide, whose ability and integrity are unquestioned.

The \$1,500,000 was voted without promise of co-operation or assistance from the state. The \$500,000 is asked, with the definite promise of the state highway commission to pay all engineering and supervision cost, and the promise of co-operation financially, for which purpose there will be \$240,000 in the state treasury next year.

The \$1,500,000 was voted without the prospect of encouraging local industry or developing local resources. Outside of the money spent for labor, all cement and supplies would have been purchased outside the county. A large part of the \$1,500,000 would not have been left in the county. The \$500,000 is asked with the definite understanding that practically the entire amount, plus what the state expends, will be left in Jackson county and that it will encourage and develop a needed enterprise, a cement plant, entailing a \$600,000 investment and a permanent payroll of large size.

If the \$1,500,000 appeared a good investment to the people of Jackson county two years ago, is there any question but that the \$500,000 is a far better investment for the people of Jackson county today?

POLICE TO PREVENT RITCHIE-CAMPBELL GO AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 25.—Refusing to fall for a fight on September 1 here between Ray Campbell of San Francisco and Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie, because he says it could be nothing but a joke, Chief of Police Needs of Richmond today has put one big dent in Willie Ritchie's expected profits from his Vancouver trip. And there may be worse to come. The Ritchie-Welsh bout billed for September 20 may never take place.

This is the conclusion of many sports here as the result of backing and filling which has characterized the proposed Ritchie-Welsh contest from its outset. At the very beginning of the negotiations for the match, a queer flog hung over the affair. Then Ritchie came here and before his arrival it was announced that Welch was hurt. But Ritchie professed confidence that all would be well.

Then came statements that the Welsh end, with Harry Pollok manager, in the chief role, had failed to make good with forfeits. So far as can be learned today, Welsh has not yet put up a dollar for appearance, and Ritchie, wearied by the delay, threatens to leave for the east unless some guarantee is given him that he is not wasting his time by remaining here for the projected mill.

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BUD ANDERSON CORRESPONDENT IN DIVORCE SUIT

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 28.—Bud Anderson, prizefighter, is named as the correspondent in a divorce action brought by Guy Pace against his wife, Maude Pace. The husband charges that the prizefighter has alienated his wife's affections, and that he has taken her out automobile riding many times and has kept her out until after midnight. Time and again the two have been together, the husband says, in spite of his remonstrances. The husband recites how his wife wrote love letters to the prizefighter, and how she called him endearing and affectionate names. Nothing that he could do or say had any weight with the wife, whose infatuation for the fighter increased, according to the story, and the trips grew more frequent and regular.

While Anderson was in Portland he frequently made visits to Oregon City by automobile, the husband says, and took the wife out for spins to Portland and return. The Paces were married in Portland on Christmas day, 1910, and have lived in Oregon City the greater part of the time since.

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CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS OPENS COLORADO SPRINGS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 26.—Recommending many changes in the banking and currency laws and advocating a system whereby the farmers of the country will be able to borrow money for longer terms and at lower rates of interest than at present, Senator Fletcher of Florida today addressed the sixth annual convention of the national conference of governors. The conference, composed of governors, ex-governors and governors-elect from the different states of the Union, which was organized at the instigation of President Roosevelt in 1907, convened here today. Because of the importance of legislation pending in the national congress and in the legislatures of various states, and because it has been the custom of the organization in the past to take up such matters and base laws for new legislation on the discussions, this year's conference was expected to be the most important yet held.

Among some of the most important subjects which will be formally presented by scheduled speakers and afterwards be the subject of open discussion are:

"A State Department of Efficiency and Economy," to be presented by Governors Bruce of Oklahoma and Lister of Washington; "Distrust of Legislatures; the Cause, the Remedy," to be presented by Governor Hodges of Kansas; "The Growth of Administrative Commissions," to be presented by Governors Danne of Illinois and Hanna of North Dakota; "State Assumption of Nomination and Election Expenses," to be presented by Governors Baldwin of Connecticut and Carey of Wyoming.

Governors Harmon of Ohio, Hadley of Missouri and Aldrich of Nebraska today prepared to announce formally the success of the states in their fight before the United States supreme court through the recent decision of that court in the famous Minnesota rate cases. These state executives were appointed at the 1910 conference to prepare and file the briefs in these cases, the fight against the railroads having been unanimously championed and superintended by the governors' conference.

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