

SCOTCH EXCITED OVER RUMORS OF GOLD DISCOVERIES

GLASGOW.—Rumors of gold discoveries in Scotland are renewed, but so far there have been no rushes to spots where finds are reported.

That the precious metal is to be found in that country has from time to time been shown by discoveries in Kildonan, Sutherlandshire and Lanarkshire, but the quantity seldom has been equal in value to the cost of extracting it.

Gold thus far has been found in alluvial deposits but the miners believe that a gold-bearing reef exists somewhere in the country as pieces of quartz containing gold have been picked up at different times.

In past centuries, notably the Fourteenth and Fifteenth, gold was found in Lanarkshire sufficient to make crowns for monarchs, and bowls, some times empty, sometimes filled with coins minted from the same source, were presented to foreign and friendly sovereigns.

There was a rush to Kildonan in the sixties of the last century and some hundreds of prospectors flooded the district.

The present gold rumors come chiefly from the Lowther Hills in Lanarkshire where for centuries lead mining has been the occupation of the villagers of Wanlockhead and Leadhills. In ancient times the district was known as "God's Treasure House" because considerable quantities of gold were discovered there.

For some months a wage dispute has made the miners idle and they have spent their time in the burns and hollows searching for gold, washing the soil in wooden troughs and occasionally finding gold in small quantities.

In the vicinity of Lardarello, Italy, if you want to run an engine you simply tap the earth for volcanic steam.

Fruit Damage in the East

The following reports to the Oregon Growers will be of interest to the orchardists of the Rogue River valley as showing the serious losses sustained by fruitgrowers elsewhere:

Portland, Ore., April 22, 1921.
Oregon Growers Packing Corp., Medford, Oregon.

Gentlemen: Since writing you this week, we have received another letter from our home office under date of the 18th.

On the nights of the 17th and 18th occurred another still more disastrous freeze, this time embracing the section which escaped the first ones i. e. Michigan, northern Ohio and New York state. We quote from this letter as follows:

"We had four inches of snow here yesterday. The telegraph wires were a half inch thick with ice. Trees all out in bloom except apples. This no doubt cleans up everything except apples in this state, and there will be a very small crop of these. All peaches, cherries and small fruit in New York are gone. I think Colorado must be cleaned up as they had fourteen inches of snow the day after Bud (our representative) left there. We expect him home the end of this week. If you have a crop you ought to get a big price."

It occurs to us that now is the time to use this knowledge. We feel that this has entirely changed the outlook for the fruit growers for this year. While all of us cannot help but deplore this terrible loss which has occurred to our eastern friends, it has presented a situation which will enable your customers to recoup their losses of last year. Please call their attention to the fact that there will be plenty of poor fruit, for what little fruit occurs in the east will be unsprayed, misshapen from the freeze and practically cull stuff. Your customers cannot make money raising culls to meet this cull competition east. Good clean fruit alone will be profitable. Spraying makes this possible.

We trust that this news will cause you to redouble your sales effort.

THE HARIE MFG. COMPANY.
Apple Crop Ruined
Hagerstown, Md., April 13, 1921.

The Hardie Mfg. Co., Hudson, Mich. Gentlemen: You state that you notice in the morning paper that our section has again been visited with the frost. This information is correct and from the reports we are receiving, it would indicate that the entire fruit crop in this territory is almost a complete failure. There may be a few apples scattered around occasionally, but we can get no information that there are any peaches whatever left and in most instances, the growers claim they positively have no apples left.

The writer personally visited a good many orchards and while he has found a few apples, it looks as though there were not enough left on the trees to pay for spraying and harvesting. This is of course a very hard blow on us. We were doing a very nice business just prior to the freeze and it was looking the best it had at any time during the year and we hoped to have been able to have cleared up a large percentage of the stock we had on hand and round out a fairly successful year's business, but our sales stopped as promptly as though shut off by a spigot. We have run down a few prospects that we thought were good only to find that they did not have a dollar's worth of fruit left and consequently needed no spraying machinery or material. But of course no one could foresee this disastrous freeze.

If you have any suggestions to offer, they will be more than thankfully received.
THE H. V. HART CO.

From Arkansas
Bentonville, Arkansas, April 12, 1921
Mr. H. H. Hardie, Hardie Mfg. Co., Hudson, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hardie: With reference to your recent letter and your conversation with Mr. W. L. English regarding apple prospects here, let us tell you Mr. English is very much mistaken in his statements. We know what we are talking about, when we tell you the apple crop in Benton and Washington counties will not be 10 per cent of a normal crop. We will have a few Jonathans and possibly a few other earlier varieties. The late varieties are approximately all gone. Now bear this statement in mind and at harvest time see who is right. We only wish it were possible for us to see it as Mr. English pictured it to you.

Very few of our orchard men are even going to keep up spraying. Doubt if 10 or 15 per cent of them will look after spraying their orchards from now on.

Before the freeze our sales were running on an average of \$1500 per day. Since the freeze they will not average \$500 per day. Now if you can tell us how to reduce our overhead and all other expenses 66 2-3 per cent in comparison with our sales, we will consider you a real benefactor.
BENTON COUNTY HARDWARE CO.
By W. J. Duke.

GET READY FOR 'UNCLE TOM'S CABIN'

Special attention has been given in J. W. Brownlee's production of Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which will play here at the Page theatre, next Saturday matinee and evening to make the big scenes of the old stage classic realistic. In these days of the motion picture, the old-time handling of these scenes would fall short of what they were in an earlier period of our stage, and therefore only the best stage mechanics could produce the desired re-

sults nowadays. The company coming here carries special scenery for these purposes. Eliza is shown crossing the ice, with the bloodhounds—real Cuban man-trailers—in pursuit. All the other big scenes are faithfully reproduced. The company is said to be an entirely competent one, and the various touches that go to make "Uncle Tom's Cabin" what it is—the plantation sing-

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