

SEALED BOTTLE

Virgil E. Greene, a Former Lakeview Man, is on the Trail of a Buried Fortune in Shasta Hills

A dispatch from Redding to the San Francisco Bulletin, dated March 30th, tells of a remarkable find by Virgil E. Greene, while hunting for game in the hills near Redding. Virgil E. Greene will be remembered as the man who established a city express business in Lakeview last summer, and who left here with his family last fall. The story runs as follows:

Beyond a doubt the hills about the early mining camps of Shasta county conceal many caches of gold which are not as nature hid them, but which were slipped back into the bosom of the earth by apprehensive citizens of the rough and rugged times who dared not carry about the treasure they had found or won, and who, having intrusted it back to its native earth, were swept away by death or the tide of events and never got back to dig it up again. Sometimes the gold was hidden by one party who meant to pass the key of its hiding place on to another and outward circumstance interrupted the transmission, and the treasure was lost. A recent discovery made in the vicinity of Redding smacked strongly of this kind of thing, and the discoverer is trying to follow a clue which may lead him to a fortune—that is, to \$38,000 in gold dust and nuggets which are presumed still to lie in the hiding place where they were buried forty years ago.

Virgil E. Greene, who moved to Redding with his family from Oregon last November, is the man who has found the documents relating to buried gold. According to Mr. Greene's story, he went hunting one Sunday five weeks ago. He wandered in the hills a mile northwest of town. Greene stopped in his hunt for rabbits to examine a small ravine where the freshet rushing down the hillside had sliced away the dirt. The head of a glass pickle bottle protruding from the ground caught his eye. Surprised at seeing it there, he wrenched it out of its earthy tenement and noted that the cork was sealed with wax. He washed the bottle in a little stream and saw within it two folded pieces of paper. Having no knife to open the unusual receptacle, he thrust the bottle in his pocket and continued his hunt.

At home Mr. Greene pried open the bottle and examined the bits of ancient paper. One was a map crudely drawn. The other was a letter of some length. It was dated June 6, 1861, was addressed to "Jo," who was apparently a saloon keeper then in Sacramento, and was signed "Jo." Greene noticed in the folds the faint outlines of this letter, but in substance it referred to gold which "Jo" and "Mack" and others had concealed somewhere in backside woods. Jack wished to inform Jo that he and Mack were looking for the safety of the gold that he had elsewhere poured the gold into a "Dutch oven," that he estimated that there was \$38,000 of it, and that he had buried the oven just four feet below the surface of the ground in a certain spot which was described and which was also shown by the map. The writer wished Jo to get the gold. He concluded by saying he should seal the letter in a bottle and leave it in a place where Jo would know where to look for it.

Mr. Greene was at first inclined to believe the ancient letter and map a hoax, but the circumstances of his finding it where it had evidently been washed out of the ground by an unusual rain, the relation of the map to the general outlines of the adjacent country, and other things finally led him to decide to investigate. He now believes the letter to Jo to be bona fide, and that the spot where the treasure is said to have been buried is within a mile of the place where he found the bottle. Forty years have brought changes in the contour of the country, but Greene admits reluctantly that a careful search has enabled him, as he believes, to locate several of the landmarks jotted on the map.

The finder of the documents believes they were perhaps placed in a hollow tree, since swept away, which served as a primitive post box for these partners of the pioneer days when there was no regular mail service in Northern California.

Evidently Mr. Greene has become possessed of facts which he does not reveal, for he thinks the "Jo" referred to was Jo Adin, who kept a saloon at the mining camps in the early 60's and who moved away from the county.

Greene will continue his quiet investigation until he locates the hidden gold

or satisfies himself either that the letter and map have no real significance or that "Jo," who failed to get the documents, got a tip from some other source and relieved the Dutch oven of its yellow prize himself.

MARCH WEATHER REPORT

DATE	Temp		Precipitation (inches)		Character of Day
	Max	Min	Rain	Snow	
1	65	32			clear
2	49	27			clear
3	53	30			clear
4	60	32			clear
5	66	35			clear
6	63	30			clear
7	62	19			clear
8	41	24	.04		pt cloudy
9	38	28	.03		cloudy
10	36	26	.17		cloudy
11	37	22	.08		cloudy
12	44	14	.16		pt cloudy
13	49	23			clear
14	56	28			clear
15	42	36			clear
16	56	30			clear
17	50	24			clear
18	54	27			clear
19	61	31			clear
20	65	30			clear
21	61	31			pt cloudy
22	44	31			clear
23	47	22			clear
24	50	20	.07		cloudy
25	48	22	.04		cloudy
26	41	24			clear
27	41	24	trace		pt cloudy
28	40	20			pt cloudy
29	45	24			pt cloudy
30	45	26			pt cloudy
31	52	30			pt cloudy

Notice to The Public.

The Town Council has passed the following order in regard to the payment for Electric Light: That all bills are due and payable on the first of every month, and if not paid by the 5th of the month the light will be shut off. All bills are payable at the office of the Town Treasurer, B. Reynolds.

CHAS. UMBACH, Recorder.

STOCK NOTES HERE AND THERE

All the Wm. Harvey sheep will soon be brought from Summer Lake to the Harvey ranch at the head of Goose Lake valley.

Louie Huseman, the cattle man of Montagne, paid \$25 per head all round for the 463 head of Silver Lake cattle purchased last week from George Small.

Jack Partin, Jr., the Summer Lake stockman, has sent his cattle to the summer range. Mr. Partin says there will be an abundance of fat beef in Lake county this season, from which opinion we judge that the cattle of this county wintered well.

Brattain Bros. of Chewaucan have taken their cattle to the summer range in Sican, where they recently purchased 2000 acres of good land from the Bank of Tehama county, California.

George M. Jones, of Chewaucan, has been feeding a big bunch of cattle near his ranch for some time. The stock were started for the summer range this week.

Chewaucan Post—Sam Hadley had a fine span of roadsters in Paisley last Sunday. The animals are Sindhax foals, match well and weigh 1100 each.

Geo. Hankins has started his sheep for the shearing corrals near Lakeview. James McShane has moved one of the Harvey bands from Summer Lake to the vicinity of Paisley.

Alfalfa Seed at H.C. Rothe & Co.'s. 12th

NOME.

Standing on the deck of the steamship Tacoma, among eight hundred passengers, as she pulled away from the City of Nome, on Tuesday, the 14th of August, 1900, I, for the first time in my life, imagined I felt the poetic inspiration rising within me, and I then and there pulled out my pencil and wrote the following lines. The production may not be poetry, nor even decent rhyme, but it has the merit of being my honest opinion of the place, and I believe of nearly every person who spent the summer there.

J. H. FLETCHER.

Thou magic city of the Frozen North,
Black spot upon the Midnight Sun;
Wistfully sought for, but of little worth;
Gladly we from thy precincts run,
And thus escape
The wretched fate
Of those who hope great wealth to make.

O, Nome! Thou Mecca of the miner's hope,
Base deceiver, built upon a lie;
Already thou hast stretched thy hempen rope
Its full length; thou shalt hastily die,
And meet the fate
Of the ingrate
Who basely robs the small and great.

O, Nome! Thou wretched blot upon the face
Of all the Arctic's boundless waste,
Thou hast promised much to all the race;
Then fleeced them to the Queen's own taste,
And I am one
Who'll always shun
Thy muddy streets till time is done.

What plans thou hast formed, that when inflamed,
The crowds came rushing to thy shore—
Thou'd sell thy worthless tundra claims
And stock thy tills with gold galore;
But, oh, sad sight,
They didn't bite,
But left thee in a sadder plight.

O, Nome! Behold the wrecks upon thy beach;
The millions scattered every where—
Grim monuments of the "sour dough" leach,
Who throngs thy streets and breathes thy air.
The tents and tools
In auction stores
Attest the dupes who flocked thy shores.

City of sharks and crooks, of thugs and toughs,
Of buncoes, thieves and dives and hell—
Of suicides, of murders and of roughs,
We bid thee now a long farewell.
Then let us pray
That those who stay
May find some means to get away.

Thou basest city of the frigid zone,
As cold as hearts that thus beguiled
"Chee-chacos" to thy tundra, O, Nome!
Thou standest now defamed, defiled.
Then carry us on,
"Tacoma," on,
To our loved homes in Oregon.

Why should we leave a land of fruits and flowers,
To seek for gold in thy dark soil?
Why seek a home amidst thy chilly showers,
And spend our days in useless toil?
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Beneath the sun,
And shout, "Where rolls the Oregon."

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" Ager	4:02 a. m.	3:27 p. m.
Ar Ashland	1:15 a. m.	12:45 p. m.
" Sacramento	5:30 p. m.	5:00 a. m.
" San Francisco	7:45 p. m.	7:45 a. m.
" Ogden	4:55 a. m.	7:00 p. m.
" Denver	9:30 a. m.	9:15 p. m.
" Kansas City	7:25 a. m.	7:25 p. m.
" Chicago	7:42 a. m.	6:30 p. m.
" Los Angeles	2:50 p. m.	8:05 a. m.
" El Paso	6:50 p. m.	6:00 p. m.
" Fort Worth	6:30 a. m.	6:30 a. m.
" City of Mexico	11:30 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
" Houston	7:00 a. m.	7:25 p. m.
" New Orleans	6:30 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
" Washington	6:42 a. m.	6:42 a. m.
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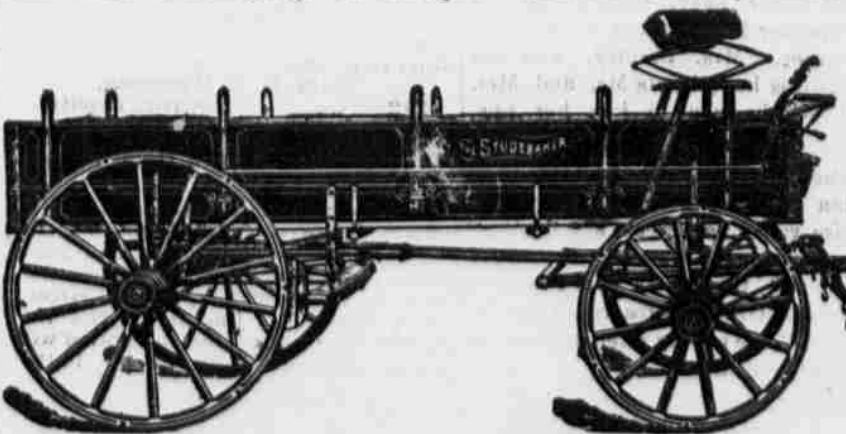
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