

# RAWHIDE MINING CAMP LETTERS

## Life In the Great Gold Bonanza District Described By Members of the Capital Journal Staff

Rawhide, Nev., April 4. — Ed. Capital Journal:—As Rawhide is still on the map and covering more space every day, a few words from this sun-baked and dust-blown rim of civilization may prove of interest to the Journal's large family.

Without seeing it, one can scarcely believe how rapid are the changes in a new mining camp. Since writing you a month ago, the town has grown rapidly in population and the character of the buildings has been changed in a remarkable way. Now there are substantial frame buildings, many of them two story, where there were only tents before; and there are tents and streets where a month ago the sand rates, the original miners, and the chuckwallas, the indigenous prospectors, held sway. Nevada street is for four blocks long a mass of substantial buildings, and Rawhide avenue, a month ago only a name, is now a respectable business street, with fine structures, among them a bank, several restaurants, and of course, many saloons, for this is a dry country and their need is great. Indeed, one up-to-date thirter arborer has in contemplation a road house half way to the cemetery, where the mourner may pour out a libation to the departed and at the same time abate, temporarily, a cumulative thirst.

Since writing last, two contracts for water systems have been let, and a big reservoir on Balloon hill, 300 feet above the town, is nearing completion. Three chemical fire engines have been purchased and are now on the way here from Utica, N. Y. They are much needed, as the town is absolutely without fire protection, unless the beer supply should be adequate. Laugh not at this as an idle jest, for Goldfield was saved from destruction by the liberal application of bottled beer when the exploration Mercantile company's building caught fire, as a fire extinguisher it has no equal. You see the fire would burst the bottles thrown by hundreds of hands into the burning building; and the beer would scatter from the explosion, at the same time liberating an immense quantity of carbonic acid gas, which is death to a fire but life to us Dutchmen. When the fire was under control Goldfield celebrated by drinking the balance of the fire extinguisher. But this story has to do with Rawhide, and Goldfield is not in our class.

The town boom, is practically over, and lot jumping is a thing of the past. Most of the really high-priced lots are built upon, and the owners of the buildings are sitting up of nights to count their rent money. This is not a joke either, especially to the fellow who pays the rent. As a sample, I might mention the firm of which I am one of the shining lights. Our office is on Nevada street, running back 17 feet. For the privilege of ornamenting this popular headquarters we pay at the rate of \$18 a front foot per month. Next to us is the half of a vacant lot, 15x100 feet, and for this the modest sum of \$150 a month, ground rent is asked and will be received.

The population is also of a different and a better quality. The camp followers, who rush to every new mining camp, with no more aim or object than a herd of stampeded cattle, unless it is to talk millions, drink booze and rustle for something to eat and a place to sleep, have slowly drifted out, some walking, some enjoying the hospitality and dust of a freight wagon, and are off to newer fields where they can greet the later comer and point out the most popular thirter parlors. In their place have come miners who have waited the advent of hoists, and the mines reaching a death where they can find work. In consequence conditions are improved and the pay roll steadily growing.

Every day the mines are showing up better, and Rawhide is assuredly a permanent and great mining camp. Every day strikes are being reported, and among these, I am glad to say is one made Saturday, or rather Friday afternoon, on the "Silent Friend" group in which the ex-horror editor of The Journal is interested. A vein was uncovered on the surface by one of the leasers, that runs \$150 a ton across 18 inches. From the character of the veins of the adjoining grounds of the McMann, Shoen, Trail and Salmon, this vein should show several feet in width at a depth of 20 feet, and it will probably run up in value to several hundred dollars per ton. These mines lay on Tiger hill about two miles west of the town, and in the very heart of the mineral belt. On Balloon hill there is great activity. Peer hoists have gone up within the past week. The Kearns No. 2 mine is in the lead on Balloon hill, having a 12-foot pay chute that will run above \$100 per ton and nearly two feet lying alongside of this that carries the phenomenal values of more than \$4,000. Other leases on this hill are showing up well, and the next month will probably make some wonderful showings. South of Balloon hill the Murray lease has installed a hoist, and is taking out an abundance of high grade, and still south of that is the

Big Four lease. Today its superintendent, R. S. Bolari, has been overlooking the sacking of ore that shows plenty of free gold and is worth five big American dollars a pound. A mill was installed during the week, by "Swiftwater Bill," he with the matrimonial record up Alaska way. It has a capacity of 25 tons a day, and was opened simultaneously with several baskets of champagne. This mill is built about six miles south of town, at the source of the city's water supply, and another mill is to be built in the near future.

During the week Tex Rickard imported a well-drilling plant which he has placed on the Northern mine about a mile north of town. While boring for water, he will incidentally prospect his ground to the depth of 2000 feet, and if he strikes water, may have a better thing than a mine, as the plant is at work a couple of hundred feet above town. In the meanwhile Tex is also running the Northern saloon and thus alleviating the thirst conditions, while the well is being bored.

The railroad seems to be held in abeyance temporarily, but the surveys have been completed, and it is reported that a contract has been let for ties enough to build the first fifteen miles. The road will connect with the Goldfield branch of the Southern Pacific at or near Walker Lake. Arrangements have also been made for furnishing power and lights for the city. While the proposed source of power is not given, it is probable the head waters of Walker river, where, perhaps, 15,000 horse power can be obtained. This is about 45 miles distant, and is the only available source of cheap power nearer than the Truckee river, about 80 miles. In the meanwhile the autos are doing a great business, fifteen or twenty of them being engaged in handling the Rawhide passenger traffic. The fare still being \$10 to Schurz and \$12.50 to Fallon. Probably 2000 animals are employed in hauling freight, and this condition is really better than having a railroad, were it not for the fact that the working of Rawhide ores requires cheaper transportation. The money paid for freight, now goes into the hands of teamsters and is spent again; while with the completion of the railroad, the mules will be left without a job, and the ranchers up at Fallon would lose a good market. Besides this the saloons would miss the teamsters sadly, and Ragtime Kelley's famous torpichorean resort would be draped in mourning, while the girls would drift into some other new camp and be real nice and new. However we will meet that catastrophe when it comes with becoming fortitude and resignation. As it is, the inevitable has not yet happened. The humble burro still lifts up his voice in plaintive song and cheerfully rubs himself against his soulless rival, the automobile, and the voice of the teamster is still heard in persuasive oburgation to his tired mules in language the like whereof is not found in Wall's hymns or Baxters' Saints' Rest.

The streets present a busy scene, a mingling of autos, burros, stages, freight wagons, drays, dogs and men—and a fairly good sprinkling of women. As a matter of fact

Rawhide holds the record in this respect, having a greater proportion of women than any Nevada camp of its age ever boasted before.

There are quite a number of Web-footers here, Salem having several, among them Joe Bryan and J. S. Wyant, both formerly of The Capital Journal. Wyant, "Jerry," is the latest arrival and has been kept busy answering questions about that delightful little city in the heart of the original garden of Eden. He is putting together a linotype machine for the Rawhide Press-Times, and has been engaged as principal musician to play it when he has it tuned up. The writer completes the Salem trio, and, funny isn't it, they were all employed on The Journal. However The Journal has always sent out a list of educators every year, and this is really a good missionary field. Many Rawhide stocks are being placed on the market, and among them a few wild cats, but there are many legitimate ones, and some of these have increased in value more than tenfold.

But I have rambled along in my usual happy-go-lucky way, and I find it is time to "hit the hay," or at least the corral, for which, no doubt, The Journal family will send up devout thanks.

J. H. CRADLEBAUGH.

### Another Letter.

Rawhide, Nev., April 4.—Well, here I am in the sage brush and sand. This is certainly a great country here. Everything is bustle and excitement. The mines are running three and four shifts per day, and the boom of the blasts is almost continuous. I took a long walk over the hills with Mr. Carl Bray yesterday, and visited many of the best mines in the camp. It was a new experience to me, as Mr. Bray is recognized as one of the greatest authorities on things pertaining to mines in the Southwest. He was very good in explaining to me things connected with mining, and made it a day well spent. Mr. Bray and our old friends the Cradlebaughs are interested in a number of the best mines in the entire camp—"The Silent Friend," the "Tiger," and "Royal." There has been several very rich strikes made on "The Silent Friend" in the last two days. The chances are that Colonel Cradlebaugh will be one of the millionaires of this section in the next few months.

Our machine is tied up on the road some place, and it may not be here for a few days yet. The freight teams in this country do not always make schedule time, you know. To a person who has never been in a country of this kind the experience is well worth the trip. After you leave the railroad at Schurz, the auto takes you out over the desert—a vast level flat, covered with scrub sage brush and alkali. At intervals are alkali flats, over which the machines violate all speed regulations. You just sit tight and let her go.

I would like very much to see a home paper, but that is out of the question, as the postoffice here don't attempt to handle second-class mail, and have several tons of it piled up waiting until they can move into the new building, now in course of erection, when it is expected the clerical force will be increased and the service improved.

To a person who cares for the wild scenes incident to live on the frontier, he can find them here—everything goes.

With regards to you and the force I am,

J. S. WYANT.

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Experience shows that these troubles vanish just as soon as the stomach is made strong enough to digest the food. In other words, it needs a tonic that will rouse it to do the work of changing the food into nourishment.

A very delicate stomach requires easily digested food but nature never intended that the food should be digested before it is eaten. The stomach must be strengthened to perform its own work and what it needs is not food already digested but a tonic. The processes of digestion are controlled by the blood and nerves, and medical science has produced no better digestive tonic than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. A. J. Higley, whose farm is near Cassopolis, Mich., and whose mail address is R. F. D. No. 1, that city, was cured by these pills. He says: "After suffering for several years with a weak stomach, it became so bad about three years ago, that I was unable to work. I could not eat without having intense pain in my stomach and bowels. Food would ferment in my stomach and the gas would nearly suffocate me. Sometimes I would have to vomit. I had sick headaches and dizzy spells, my eyes would become blurred and I could see black specks floating before them. My heart palpitated and I could not lie on my left side at all, and if I did at night when asleep it would wake me up. My arms were weak and seemed to be completely tired out and helpless. There were shooting pain in my legs, which at sometimes were too weak to bear me up."

"The doctor did not help me, so when I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I made up my mind to try them. I felt so much better after taking the pills while that I bought some more and was entirely cured after taking only a few boxes of them. I have been well and strong ever since and hope this statement will be of help to others."

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or sent by mail, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50.

### Notice to Improve a Portion of Broadway Street.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the common council held April 6, 1908, a resolution was adopted to improve Broadway street with full intersections, from the north line of North Mill creek to the north line of Madison street in the following manner:

By establishing a permanent grade on said street along the proposed line of improvement where not already established.

By placing the street railway track of the Oregon Electric Railway company where it extends along the proposed line of improvement in the center thereof.

By grading the roadway of said Broadway street between said points full width from curb to curb with full intersections to the proper subgrade.

The subgrade shall be one foot below the established grade and upon said subgrade shall be placed one foot of clean creek or river gravel, provided however, the space along the center of said street to be occupied by the said Oregon Electric Railway company shall be graded in such a manner that the top of the rails of said company will be on a level with the established grade of said Broadway street.

The cost of placing said track in the center of said street and improving between the rails and one and one-half feet outside of the rails of the Oregon Electric Railway company, to be assessed on the franchise and property of said company.

The cost of said improvement, save and except the space between the rails and one and one-half feet outside of the rails of the Oregon Electric Railway company to be assessed on the abutting and adjacent property, as provided in the charter of said city.

Remonstrance against the above improvement may be filed within 20 days after the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of common council.

W. A. MOORES,

Recorder.

Date of first publication of this notice the 8th day of April, 1908. 4-8-10t.

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