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BLACK RANGE MINES.

An Unprejudiced Opinion Concerning Some of them.

Fissure veins that can be traced for three to five miles are frequent occurrences in the mineral bearing mountain. Yesterday, however, the writer encountered a quartz ledge which he pursued for six to eight miles, and which it is claimed can be traced fifteen miles without any difficulty. The ledge is none other than that on which the notorious Ivanhoe mine is located. It was followed by the mining reporter from Bear creek past the town of Grafton a distance of over eight miles, showing throughout the same general course, width of vein, character of gangue and mineral.

The Ivanhoe mine, this property the unfortunate basis for large stock speculation a few years ago, has now been lying idle since last May, with encouraging prospects, however, of soon starting up. Dealing with physical facts, every effort was made to gain a thorough knowledge of the property from those familiar with its workings and disclosures, all of which tend to confirm the reports that the mine is yet destined to prove a very important factory in the future bullion production of the territory. The vein at the point of development ranges from two to eight feet in width. The gangue is massive quartz with some copper, and carrying silver and gold in variable quantities. Streaks and bunches being sometimes opened, whose value is in the thousands to the ton. On the whole, the vein seems, as far as could be ascertained, to average fifty to sixty dollars a ton, which probably embraces a mass of quartz fifteen inches to four feet in width. While working, about one thousand tons of ore were extracted from the mine, and about fifty tons of selected rock, hand sorted from the entire yield of the property, were shipped to reduction works in Colorado and the east. The receipts from these sales have never been made public, but doubtless were very fair, as the ore had been well sorted and the cream of at least one thousand tons of mineral bearing rock was obtained.

The developments and workings in the mine consist of an incline shaft, dipping seventy-six degrees from the horizon to the eastward, following on the vein to a depth of seventy-eight feet, connecting with the tunnel level which has a length of two hundred and ninety-one feet, following on the vein until an outlet is reached on the side of the mountain. The shaft intersects the tunnel at about two hundred and twenty-five feet from the mouth. Beginning from the tunnel level and just south of the shaft there is a steep thirty feet in height and sixty feet in length, including the shaft, from which the past production of the mine was obtained. The slope shows a width of three to ten feet, with an average of probably six feet.

From the tunnel level, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five feet from the mouth of the tunnel, a winze has been sunk to a depth of two hundred and ninety-one feet, following the dip of the vein, and showing some fair ore. A similar winze was sunk to a depth of ninety-two feet, one hundred and twelve feet farther south, or two hundred and eighty-seven feet from the mouth of the tunnel. A second level has been started, calculated to connect the two drifts, but a connection has never been effected. At this stage of development work, and with pay ore in the winze, the mine suspended work, and being out of money and credit it has lain idle now for about eleven months.

With the present development of the mine it is impossible to utilize steam power effectually, and it is now contemplated to sink a new shaft, and also erect works for the reduction or concentration of the ores. Should this be done, there is little doubt but that the Ivanhoe could yet be made a large and profitable property and Mr. Ingersoll and his friends really made to think that any one who wanted more than the Ivanhoe yielded "would be a hog."

From the Ivanhoe northward, the vein can be traced to the Occidental mine, and the following locations have been made up to it: Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe Mining Co., Buckeye, Surprise, Alaska, Chicago & N. M. Mining Company, Smuggler, Montezuma, Yankee Boy, Smith, Miller & Berry, Shorty, A. J. Knight and others, Homestead, Home Agency, William Taylor, Pioneer, Gov. Norton and others, Yellowstone, Good Enough.

Great Southwest, Kingsberry and others, Keystone, Great Republic, Great Republic Mining Co., Minnehaha, J. M. Smith and others, Occidental, Occidental Mining Company.

There are an additional number of fractional claims and several locations, names of which were not learned, the Great Republic and other companies owning several properties each, all located in one continuous line upon this ledge.

The Buckeye and Surprise, adjoining the Ivanhoe property, are much the same character, the ore frequently running very high in silver, and also carrying some gold. The developments are limited, but more work will doubtless be done on them at an early day.

The Alaska is the third property north of the Ivanhoe, and is located but a quarter of a mile from Grafton. The vein filling consisting of quartz as in the preceding properties, and in fact along the entire vein, is considerably leached near the surface, leaving a cellular low grade rock near the surface, which is expected to improve at the depth of water level, where this impoverishing process has doubtless suspended. The average width of the Alaska vein is about ten feet, and a dip of about sixty degrees from the horizon to the eastward.

The first development work done on the Alaska consisted upon incline following on the vein, which was carried down to a depth of one hundred and eighty feet. This mode of working, proving unsatisfactory, a perpendicular shaft was started, one hundred feet to the eastward and sunk to the depth of two hundred and nine feet, cutting the vein at one hundred and three, and again intersecting it at two hundred feet by a crosscut. Water was then encountered in such quantity that it could not be handled through the shaft which was quite small. Since then a new shaft has been commenced lower down the hill, about three hundred feet to the eastward. This shaft is calculated to cut the vein at seven hundred feet. At two hundred feet it will be one hundred and sixty feet east of the vein, and about five hundred feet from its outcrop. It is calculated by the manager, Judge Adams, in order to hasten the time of production of the mine to drive a crosscut at about two hundred feet, and cut the vein, thus cutting unlimited resources, which can be drawn upon while the shaft is being sunk to the intersection of the vein.

In order to facilitate work and accomplish the object in view as expeditiously as possible, a fine new steam hoisting plant has been secured, consisting of a double cylinder, thirty-power engine. The new shaft at present is down about fifty-five feet.

The properties located on the vein north of the Alaska have thirty to seventy feet of development and show the same characteristics, so far as there is concerned. Occasionally a property shows more massive quartz, and the less oxidation the higher grade are the ores. The silver as a rule is found as a sulphide.

The vein as it is followed northward generally continues in the green porphyry, though in one or two instances it was noticed running in the contact between the green and red porphyries, the latter forming the hanging wall.

About six miles north of Grafton is the Occidental mine, one of the last locations in this direction made on the Ivanhoe vein. The principal working avenue to this mine is a shaft one hundred and eighty-five feet deep, with an incline from the bottom down an additional distance of thirty-five feet. The shaft cuts the vein at one hundred and seventy feet, and from the bottom of the incline the vein is again intersected by a crosscut. The vein has a width of three to six feet, with a varying streak of pay. At present the stopping consists of a raise made on the ore from the bottom of the incline to the intersection of the vein by the shaft, a distance of about eight feet, also about thirty feet in depth at the outcrop of the vein; and for a short distance latterly. This amount of work yielded something like one hundred and twenty tons of ore. Six tons of this amount were shipped to Socorro and returned between fourteen and fifteen dollars a ton. One hundred and ten tons were milled at a mill subsequently erected near the mine, the returns of which could not be learned by the reporter. The average value of the ore is stated at twenty to thirty dollars in silver and gold to the ton. The mine was worked on a lease for some time, but recently the lessees gave up work, and now it is expected the company, a St. Joseph, Missouri, corporation, will take hold of the enterprise again.

The mill has ten stamps, combination pans and otherwise fairly equipped. It has never been properly run and consequently its results have not been very flattering. The mill is located on Wild Horse creek, nearly a mile from the mine, and has an abundant supply of water.—A. F. Weunsch, in Santa Fe New Mexican.

The Unsuccessful Prospector.

For six long years I've tracked the trail
Behold that faithful burro's tail;
For six long years I've sought and found
A trace of treasure of some kind.
I've climbed almost from pole to pole,
And dug full many a prospect hole,
Alas, my fortune must be found
In rocks that are not to be found.
How often have I watched you sun
On a day's search was nearly done,
Tarry above the lofty crest
Of the gray mountain's rocky breast,
And spread its sheets of brightest gold
In beauty wondrous to behold;
I've watched it till the twilight's gleam
Dispelled the vision like a dream;
It's red gold lingered on my mind
Like incense on a summer wind.
Oh, could I find such brilliant ore,
I'd dig the earth from core to core!
But no. My fate seems buried deep
In failure's dark chaotic heap.
I cannot strike the longest for lode,
Or at the dark occult shade
Of veins and leads that assay high,
That capital dare risk to buy,
No, burro we'll give up the chase
And settle in some quiet place.
To copper stains we'll bid farewell,
A last adieu we'll fondly tell
To calcite, trap and heavy spar,
To iron-cap and red sand bar;
All will be as a legend old,
Etched upon silver, leaves of gold,
This well-worn pick I'll cast aside,
This shovel plant on yonder slide,
A monument to wealth unfound,
Such porphyry and quartzite ground,
Come, burro, let us hie away,
And search but for another day.

Very Queer, Indeed.

We were reading in an exchange the other day of a marriage of a woman in England who was born without arms, but who can use her toes with remarkable dexterity. She can sew, knit, crochet, use a knife and fork and scratch her head with her toes with as much ease as more fortunate mortals can with their fingers.

After reading the article we leaned back in our easy chair, closed our eyes and allowed our thought to go off on an excursion over the water. We followed that girl from the day when she first snared a beau until her marriage, and some of the mental pictures we drew were indeed queer ones. When her lover would call, of course she must receive him as other ladies would, and just imagine how odd it would be to see her reaching up her foot, taking his hat between her toes, placing it upon the table and motioning him to a seat. She would sit by his side talking all the little nonsensical nothings that lovers usually talk, ever and anon slapping him lovingly on the cheek with the sole of her foot when he would get off some joke at her expense. She spies a hair on his collar, and with a dexterity closely bordering on the marvelous, reaching up with bewitching grace, takes it in her toes and casts it away. We can see her sitting there with her foot in his hand responding to his tender squeezes, or coyly toying with his whiskers with her taper toes. Mayhap he may hint that he doubts her constancy, when, with an injured look upon her fair face she puts her foot on her heart and assures him that it beats for him, that every pulsation the bounding blood murmurs his beloved name. Then he smiles, takes the lovely foot in his hand, kisses it fondly and assures that he was but jesting, and that he would as soon doubt the purity of a babe as to doubt her love. If his necktie becomes loosened how gracefully she would tie it with both feet, tapping the tie down neatly with a big toe when the job is completed. We can picture her screaming with laughter and clapping her feet in glee over some funny story, or wiping away the unbidden tear with her toes at a recital of want and suffering. When about to part he would kiss her and ask for just one loving embrace, and with the light of love beaming in her eyes she would— but no, that is out of the question. We forgot for a moment her unfortunate condition. He would have to do all the embracing himself. She would hand him his hat, escort him to the door, give him a good-night shake of the foot and then sit down by the fire and draw a beautiful picture of the day when he would fall upon his knees before her and ask for her foot and heart. Then she would retire to her chamber, undress, sit down on the floor and bury her face in her feet and say her prayers as all good girls should, and go to bed to dream of a future frescoed with bliss and doted with supreme happiness. And the marriage ceremony? Of

course the bride could not enter leaning upon the arm of the groom as is customary, for it would be unique and odd to see her hopping in on one foot, and she might attract undue attention. They approach the altar and the ceremony begins. Where right hands are usually joined with the words, "with this ring I thee wed," the peculiar circumstances of the case would compel him to place the golden band of love upon one of her toes. Of course it would tickle her and she might flinch and wiggle her pearly toes, but this need cause no serious hitch in the proceedings. After the ceremony, friends would crowd up and shake her foot and rain down blessings and kind wishes upon her head, and under propitious skies they would set forth together upon the journey of life, foot in hand.

And if the union should be blessed with children how exhilarating it would be to see her spank an obstinate youngster. She would snatch him up with her toes, lay him across her knee and smack the holy delights out of her foot. Then she would release him, shake her toe at him sternly and tell him that if ever he disobeys her again she will make him think he has been sitting on a hot stove lid. As to kneading dough for the morning biscuits—well, we will drop the curtain of curiosity and pursue her no further. Just let your imagination take up the thread where we drop it, dear reader, and you will have a bushel of fun. Imagine her doing the grand right and left at a ball, for instance.—Duluth Tribune.

A Fancy Scrap Basket.

Select a medium-sized Japanese umbrella—one with a plain ground and gilt figures is prettiest. The knob or point is to be securely glued into a large square or circular block, which it will be necessary to have made by a carpenter, as it must be smoothly finished to look well after it has been painted. The block must also be heavy enough to act as a stand for the umbrella to hold it steadily in its upright position, that it may not be easily knocked over. The block is then to be painted the color of the umbrella, and decorated like it with gilt figure. To prevent the umbrella from falling open, the points of the ribs which project beyond the paper covering are interlaced with satin ribbon. Either several shades of the narrowest ribbons are turned in and out of the ribs or sticks like basket work, or a wide ribbon may be used instead of the narrow. Sew the seams with silk to match the shade of the ribbons. The umbrella should not be quite half open. A piece of gilt paper is cut to fit round inside of the umbrella the sticks and thus prevent papers and scraps falling through to the joint from whence it is difficult to remove them. If narrow ribbons are used for the hangings, long loops and ends, and their many colors make a gay trimming; or should the wider ribbon be used, tie a full bow of it around as a linking to cover the sticks and hold the scraps, must be glued to keep it in place. This can easily be done without injuring the covering of the umbrella by touching each stick with a little strong gum or glue, and press the paper against it. When it dries the paper will adhere and keep in place nicely. They are very odd and pretty scrap baskets, and not difficult to make.

Hidden Birds Puzzle.

In the following story there are thirty hidden birds. What are their names?
"The western sky was robing itself in sunset-hues, which shot flames over the tree-tops, when a singular kind of accident happened in Ravenna, New Hampshire. A bowl that Miss Dorothy Jay had with her on a picnic was broken by one of two boys wandering around with kite and gun. "Such awkwardness in the garcon," Dorothy learnedly said. The boys in wrath rushed through the wood, cooking their guns. The dog Snip escaped from Merrimack, awakening the echoes by his bark, leaped over a brook and followed the trail. "Escape with your life do Dorothy," cried Mr. Jack Dawson. Miss Dorothy simply said "chaff." Inch by inch the boys drew nearer, shouting, "Whoop O," exactly like mad Poncas. So wary, however, was Miss Dorothy that the boys in a pet relinquished their design and contented themselves with stealing a silver clasp, arrow-shaped and of fine workmanship.

"Beg your pardon," said the grocer "but this is a bad bill." "Well, I can't help it replied the customer coolly; "I didn't make it. And I reckon that neither you nor I could make a better one."

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GENERAL LOCALS.

This is the season when a fire is uncomfortably hot and no fire is uncomfortably cold.

The Rio Grande is up and booming which gives notice that there is a moderation to the weather up north.

There are, at the least calculation one hundred mines in the range which would furnish good ore to a concentrator and which would be worked if there was a concentrator in the range to treat it.

Every tree along Wall street that is now alive should have boxing put around it. This will be a handsome avenue in a couple of years more if these trees are preserved. It will be a shame to have them killed now.

Alex Rogers the solid man of Engle, visited the range this week making his monthly settlements with the local agents of the stage line. The RANGE printed him tickets and posters for the use and benefit of the ferry company.

Over on Canada de Alamosa creek a lesson is written which can be profitably heeded by the "early bird, etc." philosophers. The vegetation was nicely green, leaves and buds on the trees being full fledged two weeks ago when a cutting frost came along and blighted the tender growth completely. Trees and shrubbery have a curious look now in their mourning garb which their great haste to be out early gave them. Cuchillo Negro creek vegetation took life easier and as a consequence is now healthy and bright.

The homestead patents which Jose Sanchez and others are trying to secure on lands lying on the Gila north of Detwiler's are being contested by Burt D. Mason and others. It is claimed that there has never been a house put upon most of the claims and no sign of settlement made; that the Mexicans who are trying to get possession of these lands are peons of Tranquilina Luna's and that he is backing them in this criminality. If he is and it can be proven he should be punished by law as the instigator of attempts to defraud the government. Too much of the land of New Mexico is being secured by means of just such rascality.

The ferry across the Rio Grande on the Engle road is now owned and operated by Ed Fest, Alex Rogers and H. L. Tisdale. The raging waters now make it a necessary institution. The rates of fare charged for the crossing are: Single person, 25 cents; one loose animal, 25 cents; One horseman, 50 cents; one horse wagon, \$1.50; two horse wagon, \$2.00; four horse wagon, \$3.00; six horse wagon, \$3.50; heavy ox wagon, \$4.00. Passengers in the coach will buy their tickets for the ferry crossing at the same time that they pay for the seat in the coach. The ferry should be made to pay its running expenses but it has not done so in previous years.

Mexican hunters set fire to the grass on the Gila side of the Black range and the winds of the past few weeks kept the blaze alive and moving until at present the major portion of the range has been burned off and the fire has come over to this side in some places. However the grass is not strong enough in growth to permit of much damage on this side of the summit. If the chaps can be found who are guilty of setting this fire they should be severely dealt with. It will be a great inconvenience and the occasion of some loss to the ranchmen on the Gila to have their stock feed so disastrously destroyed, for the grass now burned over will not start again until the rainy season begins nearly two months hence.

The residents of Canada de Alamosa town are in a peck of trouble. Messrs. Kelley and Dodds above them on the creek have taken what water they need for the cultivation of their land from the stream, and this has left the Mexicans without water for their crops. The residents of the Canada are up in arms and nightly meetings are being held to resolve against this, to them death dealing innovation. Five hundred dollars have been assessed upon the water rights with which to fight the matter in the courts, and in the meantime they have already, or intend to, enjoined Kelley and Dodds from using the water. There have been certain privileges granted, so it is claimed, to the town by legislatures in New Mexico which gives them exclusive control of the water privileges of Canada de Alamosa and on this they rest their case with the additions of the common law which enjoins people turning the waters of any stream when such action may be detrimental to other people. If Messrs. Kelley and Dodds win it will render the lands at Canada de Alamosa utterly worthless and the dwellers there will be compelled to seek new homes. As it is, already this season water has been so scarce that the crops at the town are severely injured and there is likely to be a starving people there next fall and winter. The affair is very likely to end in bloodshed as a similar case in Lincoln county at Tularosa did two years ago when

deputy sheriff Padilla and others were killed.

FAIRVIEW.

Ben Cook has improved the appearance of his residence at Robinson, by the erection of a fence around it.

Eugene Knapp is doing assessment work upon the Rifle Shot and several other claims in the Cuchillo Negro in which he is interested.

Col. Branson of Engle, has gone to Philadelphia with his wife. When he returns it is probable that the north end of the Cuchillos will be given new life.

Jim Ryan, from Canada de Alamosa, has been over paying his friends a visit during the last week. While waiting for his turn at the irrigating ditch he finds plenty of leisure.

The outgoing coach left Fairview on Saturday morning with nine passengers on board. The stage is heavily loaded both ways these days, and it must be recovering its previous losses somewhat now.

The checks that Col. Nulton last gave in settling debts of the Black Knife company were protested. "No funds." The Black Knife has left Fairview in much the same fix that the Occidental did Grafton—hard up.

Mr. Staley is making the Dowling ranch at the mouth of Bear canyon look like a farm. He has an unlimited supply of water and all the apparent advantages necessary for successful crop growing. Mrs. Staley will probably soon arrive to assist him in making the venture a success.

George Yeakel and Ed Starnier have finished their fifty foot shaft on the Good Enough at Edward's camp, and are running their crosscut to cut the ledge. The shaft in going straight down left the vein which dipped, so a crosscut is necessary to get back to the mineral crevice.

Saturday's coach took J. L. M. Hill, senior member of the firm of Hill & Beckett, merchants, late of Robinson, to the railroad, giving him a start on the journey to his old home at Winfield, Kansas. The "Stonelanding" of New Mexico was a sickening pill for Jim, and he couldn't recover in this climate. Mr. Hill's experience in mining countries has not been particularly encouraging. Leadville cost him a couple of thousand dollars and the Black Range has done equally well by him. He has a prosperous furniture business in Winfield to return to and he intends now to stay by it—to marry some good girl and settle down to peaceful contented life.

GRAFTON.

Mrs. Scales is on the sick list. Burt D. Mason has gone to Socorro on business.

The Taylor boys are doing assessment work on the Braxton mine.

Al Moosaw and Frank Saucier left the range last week for a tour through Arizona.

Mr. Santana and family have moved to Bear creek where they intend taking up a ranch.

The Hunnicutt who had his leg broken some time ago, is out on the street hobbling around on crutches.

D. H. Wenger, attorney-at-law, was out before the high court of Tularosa last week attending a law suit.

C. Hightower was in town the beginning of this side in some places. However the grass is not strong enough in growth to permit of much damage on this side of the summit. If the chaps can be found who are guilty of setting this fire they should be severely dealt with. It will be a great inconvenience and the occasion of some loss to the ranchmen on the Gila to have their stock feed so disastrously destroyed, for the grass now burned over will not start again until the rainy season begins nearly two months hence.

The Socorro Bullion says: "The Kean St. Charles stamp-mill, we are informed, will be replaced by more powerful machinery."

A. J. Knight is putting his time and muscle upon his Leviathan claim on Bear creek opposite the Nordhausen. The mineral showing is fair.

Several parties left here last Tuesday for Socorro to protest to the final proof of several homestead applications for patents to land in the western portion of the county.

Mrs. Gable has moved out on the Turkey ranch which she purchased of J. Oehl & Co. She is stocking the ranch and will raise garden sauce to supply the Grafton market.

Chas. P. Clark and Dr. W. C. Overson of Springfield, Missouri, are stopping at the Grafton hotel. The doctor came to the range to recover his health, he caught cold and has been confined to his bed for several days.

Turner and others have some fine ranches on the west end of the San Augustin plains, having plenty of water, good grass with a large range. They are building cabins, have a number of horses and will soon have a herd of cattle.

The firm of A. P. Dyer & Co. dissolved co-partnership last week. Mr. Winston retiring from the firm and taking the groceries, while Mr. Dyer continues at the old stand as postmaster with the stationary business under the name of Dyer & Berry.

The wagon road to the Royal Arch mine is completed and the work of putting timbers in the shaft to fit it for receiving the pumps is being accomplished. Three thousand feet of timber is ordered to be used on this property.

HERMOSA.

The Amajicano mine is looking better as the progress. The best mineral yet found was taken out the latter part of this week.

Mr. Teaford's stone home will yet be finished. When it is ready for occupancy the RANGE is reliably informed that his wife will come out from Kansas to assist him in taking life comfortably.

"Prof." Baker of Denver, a mining expert, and Dennis Sullivan a bonanza cattle man from Wyoming, who has more money than he knows what to do with and is looking around for an investment came to the range last Saturday and visited the Palomas to look at the mines. The professor didn't like the American flag because the ore was galena as he said and he didn't want galena. He was told it was not galena and tests said that it contained 1200 ounces of silver. Then he admitted that "I was mistaken, but I don't want it now." Mr. Baker is a typical mining expert—couldn't tell galena from sulphurets. It is probably a good thing that he did not like the Palomas. There are enough cattle men and such mining here already.

CHLORIDE.

W. Quinlan departed for New York city Saturday morning.

Mrs. Berlew went to Hermosa on Tuesday to make her permanent residence there with her husband.

Frank LeCraft is having a residence constructed and Mrs. LeCraft will soon be happily ensconced underneath her own roof.

A faint gleam, even, of vegetables in the market, would brighten many an eye and smack many a lip in Chloride, at this time.

McBride is getting along nicely on his road up Chloride gulch. He is now working at the second box. When this is passed the hard spots are over.

Tom Evans is building an addition to the rear of the house occupied by Joe Aragon's saloon. This makes the structure of large dimensions.

Joe Aragon has closed up his saloon and suspended business. He is undecided whether he will go when he has settled up his business and got ready to depart.

The appointment of E. F. Holmes to the office of justice of the peace has been received, and he will qualify and get ready for business as quickly as possible.

Wm. Hamilton the late driver on the Southwestern stage line, who laid off on account of sickness, started to the Sisters' hospital at Santa Fe. He went out Tuesday morning, but at present he is recruiting strength at Engle for the remainder of the journey.

Capt. Byrant is working on the divide between Chloride and Mineral creeks almost north of the Black Hawk on the upper belt. He is now down twelve feet there on the claim which he calls the Toledo, and the character and quantity of the mineral found is very encouraging.

Seventy-eight dollars freight was the price paid for thirty-two hundred pounds of the Silver Monument ore from Engle to Denver on the railroad. Adding thirty-two dollars, the price paid for transferring from the range to Engle and it will be seen why no more ore is shipped to reduction works from the Black range.

H. N. Castle with his wife and little one are visiting the range this week. They are residents of Topeka, Kansas, and Mr. Castle is secretary of the Southwestern Mining company—half owners of the Buffum and other property here. Mr. Castle is naturally well pleased with the Buffum and he will have it surveyed and patented just as soon as possible.

Mose Thompson has secured control of the Little Minnie belonging to Fred Stevens. This claim is a sixty foot strip which joins the King No. 2 on the south. The shaft of the King No. 2 was a combination with the Little Minnie and now that this addition is secured three men have been put to work sinking on the shaft. Fred Stevens, Newton Sheldon and Charlie Ridgely are doing the work.

Chloride will soon have a hotel worthy of the name, and visitors to this place can, ere long, be sure of having first class accommodations. Henry E. Rickert, proprietor of the Chloride hotel restaurant, has arranged for the immediate erection of a two story adobe building 30x65 feet in dimensions. It will be erected on the site of the present restaurant which will be removed for the purpose.

The surveying party of Lampton and Biggs which has been engaged on government work in the Black range and vicinity for the past six months have finished their work and are expected into Chloride where they will receive payment, this evening or tomorrow. There are thirteen men in the company. Mr. Lampton went out on the road last week and returned this week with the funds necessary for settlement.

On Wednesday when the canyons were filled with smoke some of our brave hunters went out to slay the herds of deer which were very naturally supposed to be running before the devastating flames. Others equally

brave but less ambitious, prepared themselves with rocks and clubs to slay the game when it should come running down through the streets of Chloride. Both parties were equally successful in getting nothing.

J. M. Smith has received by mail some specimens of the ore from the new strike at Silver City. It is chlorides and argentine without any more rock about it than necessary to give it a dirty mean look. It is unnecessary to state that it is rich. A person is not surprised after seeing the ore, that the discovery was not made before. No man of the least experience or intelligence would pick up that rock to throw at a skunk and its discovery could only be by the purest luck, as indeed it was. The ore resembles the blue and brown trap rock of the upper belt, having no promise whatever.

Work on the Hagan's Peak tunnel is progressing finely. The tunnel is now thirty feet under cover with twenty feet of an open cut. Two shifts are working this week but next week there will be three. A two hundred bushel coal-pit is nearly ready for drawing, and a cabin is almost completed. Supt. Briggs will have eight men in all at work next week. The face of the tunnel is in porphyry rock which is thoroughly impregnated with iron pyrites, the mineral lying in large chunks and sheets. It looks a little as if this hole is leading to something, and that this something is not far distant.

A business change occurred this week in Chloride, Dr. Driscoll selling his drug store to Dr. Blinn. Dr. Wm. Driscoll came here for his health two years ago. He is strong and hearty now. Dr. Blinn came here for his wife's health six months or so ago and although Mrs. Blinn has made great improvement and feels and looks perfectly well now, yet the doctor does not want to take her back to the states until he is positive that a permanent cure is effected. He therefore purchased this business to be doing something. Dr. Blinn is popular among his acquaintances and we are all glad to see him settle down here with us, but we don't like to lose an old settler like Dr. Driscoll, who although, he has not determined upon his future action will probably leave this section before long.

A Joke on the Railroad.

It is not often that a big corporation like the Southern Pacific railroad proves incompetent in a contest against a penniless, single-handed man, and we record the following to note the exception: The Southern Pacific engineer, while scouring the country for water on the desert about twenty-four miles west of the Colorado river, saw a few tufts of grass in a little valley. He put workmen to digging in the ground and developed about four inches of running water, furnishing a bountiful supply for all purposes. As the work progressed, they abandoned the spring temporarily. A prospector came along and stopped at the spring to drink of the pure liquid. Perhaps the intensity of his thirst induced him to gaze longer into its depths. Perhaps, in his fevered vision after a long struggle over dreary mountains and dusty deserts, he saw mirrored in the water a sparkling mine of silver. At any rate, he tested the sands that drifted about and got a trace of silver. This little trace of silver resolved into a hundred dollars a ton. Here, then, was the realization of his hopes, and he concluded to rob the big corporation. He located the spring for a mill site and the ground as mineral land—all of which is right and holds in law. He notified the company to quit using his water, and they have complied obediently.—San Bernardino Index.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., March 2, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to A. S. McDonald that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon each of the following claims, viz.: the Buckeye, Ontario and Small Hopes, situated in the Cuchillo Negro mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 2234 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
C. C. HARRIS.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., January 26, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to L. L. Case that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon the Cuba mining claim, situated in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 2234 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
J. C. SHAW,
OSCAR FRIEDENAUER,
DEWITT MCKENNEY.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I am the owner of an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in that certain mine known as the Highland Chief mine, situate in the Chloride mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, and I hereby notify and warn all persons that I will not be responsible for any work or labor done or performed or for material that may be furnished to parties working said mine.
G. F. ARMSTRONG.

Deming, N. M., March 24, 1883.

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OF SOCORRO.
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Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., February 2, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to F. H. Strong that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon the Silver King mining claim, situated in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 2234 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
I. F. BEAVIS,
W. E. REAVIS.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Fairview, N. M., February 9, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to Lieut. G. Valois, Lieut. S. G. Plummer and Charles Fertke that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon each of the following mining claims, viz.: the Rifle Shot, Harmony, Little Comstock, Maria, Carbonate and Monarch, all situated in the Cuchillo Negro mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owners, your interests in said claims will become the property of the undersigned under said section 2234 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
Eugene Knapp,
Otto Luder.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., January 12, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to J. G. Singleton that the undersigned has performed the annual assessment work for the year 1882, amounting to one hundred dollars, upon the Omega mining claim situated on Mineral creek, in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, N. M., east slope of Black Range, and you are hereby notified that unless you pay your proportion of the same, viz. \$33.33, within ninety days from the date of the publication of this notice, your interest in the said claim will be forfeited to the undersigned, according to law, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
SOUTHWESTERN MINING CO.
By G. F. PARMELEE, Pres.
H. N. CASTLE, Sec'y.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., January 12, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to A. J. Hughes that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon each of the following claims, viz.: the Buckeye, Ontario and Small Hopes, situated in the Apache mining district, and the Crown Point, situated in the Palomas mining district, all in Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claims will become the property of the undersigned under said section 2234 of the said statutes.
D. M. LORTIAN,
J. C. WRIGHT,
E. W. LAYTON.

Notice of Homestead Proof.

Land Office at La Mesilla, April 7, 1883.
NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the probate judge of Socorro county New Mexico, or in his absence before the probate clerk of said county, at Socorro, Socorro county, New Mexico, on May 30th, 1883, viz.:
Henry S. Hayes, on homestead application number 288 for the N 5 S W and 1/4 lots 14 and 15 sec 1 & 2 T 18 W. With witnesses: Leonard Vigil, Antonio Montoya, Jeronimo Arraniz and W. W. Wilson, all of Socorro county, New Mexico.
Geo. D. BOWMAN, Register.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Chloride, N. M., March 23, 1883.
To J. Allene Case and W. G. Case: You are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the Columbia mining claim, situated in Palomas mining district, Socorro County, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 2234 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, by the terms of said section, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.
RICHARD MANSFIELD WHITE.

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WITTICISMS.

The preacher who divides his sermon into too many heads leaves no room for a body.

Wiggins is going to lecture. Warm weather for him, can be safely predicted in any town he visits.

Look not upon the stocking when it is red; when pain-puss fills it up; for it may cover considerable padding.

The modest young woman "who turned all colors" has given up the business, owing to the multiplicity of shades.

Mrs. Lantry says she occasionally changes a play to suit her style of acting. It raises particular blazes with the play though.

Herbert Spencer says that every American appears to have been born half an hour late, and to be trying to make up for lost time.

Sunset Crox is still telling about the negro's toast: "Here's to Gen. Butler, who, though he has a white skin, bless God he has a black heart."

A young bride being asked how her husband turned out, replied that he turned out very late in the morning and turned in very late at night.

Said Brown: "Smith won't have so soft a thing as he has had." "I don't know," replied Robinson; "he'll have a soft thing so long as he doesn't lose his head."

It is said that sharks will not bite a swimmer who keeps his legs in motion. If you can keep kicking longer than a shark can keep waiting, you'll be all right.

The fashionable style of building in New York is the bachelor flat. The elevators in these establishments are worked by corkscrews.—Baltimore American.

A fashion item says oval necks are more fashionable than Pompadour squares. After all, the good old-fashioned round neck is about as satisfactory as any.

The latest story is that of a man who can heat a bucket of water in ten minutes by just sticking his nose into it. That's easily accounted for—his nose has got a boil on it.

It is not strange that many great politicians have been enthusiastic fishermen. Not so much that they like to hook things as that they take pleasure in pulling strings.

Several of our exchanges are devoting considerable space to the importance of "cooking girls." It's no use. We don't want them cooked. The raw damsel is good enough.

They say that a properly trained Indian baby in Chili never howls. Bachelor Brix says if that woman next door will send down to South America for the receipt he'll pay all the expenses.

A little boy went to his first tea party when four years and three months old. Upon his hostess asking him how he liked his tea, he replied, "It is very nice but it tastes very much of the water."

At a reception the other evening one of the ladies present wore a black velvet dress, on which were sixty solid gold buttons down the front. Everybody knew they were solid because she said so.

Teacher: "If two boys should find ten apples under a tree, how many would each boy have?" Bright scholar—"That would depend upon whether the one that could lick was apple-hungry or not."

A master was explaining that the land of the world was not continuous. He asked a boy: "Now Jack, could your father walk around the world?" "No, sir." "And why?" "Because he is dead sir."

Ann Eliza writes to ask why a poor man invariably keeps dogs. We have not given the question much consideration, but we have concluded that the poor man supports a dog to keep "the wolf from the door."

"Faix, an' that I have, yer honor—three of them, two girls and a boy; and foine wans, too," is the reply made by an Irish-American citizen of New York when asked by a magistrate if he had a marriage certificate.

A woman returning from market got into a street-car, the other day, with a basket full of dressed poultry. To her the driver speaking sharply, said, "fare!" "No, said the woman, "Fowl!" And everybody cackled.

In modern Egypt a young man is not permitted to see his wife's face before marriage. This is rather rough on the man, but it prevents the newspapers of Egypt from making jokes about the girl enticing him into an ice cream saloon and bankrupting him in the first round.—Norristown Herald.

"You say your wife gets mad and raises a row?" "I should say she did. She makes enough fuss to run a freight train forty miles an hour." "But if you knew that she was in the habit of getting mad why did you marry her?" "Because, if I had held back she would have got madder than ever."

Edward Eggleston, in his paper on the "Indians and Colonists," in the forthcoming century, gives the savages credit for teaching our ancestors how to make maple sugar; but it was not the Indian who taught us how to manufacture pure maple sugar out of glucose. They were not civilized enough for that.

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