

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

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THE FIRST GOLD.

AN OLD-TIMER DISCUSSES THE QUESTION OF DISCOVERY.

Alleged Gold Finds Prior to that at Coloma—What Various Writers Say on the Subject.

In view of the controversy now in progress as to who was the real discoverer of gold in California, a pioneer citizen of Sacramento, J. A. Lanfoster, writes to the SUNDAY UNION, saying: I think it not inappropriate to give in a condensed form the different versions of writers on the subject of the discovery of gold in California. In order that the people may make comparisons and form their own opinions as to who was the real discoverer of the first gold in California.

First—William M. Boggs, of Sonoma, says that in 1847 "Uncle" Billy Moore and his family left Missouri, and arrived in California in September; and that crossing the Yuba river the children found lumps of gold and brought them to their mother, who they had taken to the mountains, where they were engaged in mining. She then showed the lumps of gold to her neighbors, and they were taken to the blacksmith shop, where it could be tested. Possibly he was not in such a hurry to get the gold to the blacksmith shop, as he had a large quantity of gold in his possession.

Second—Henry Foster, of Napa, writes that Captain Greenleaf Smith in 1844 was the discoverer of the first gold in California. He was a prospector, and was in the mountains of California, where he was engaged in mining. He discovered a piece of gold, and he took it to the blacksmith shop, where it could be tested. He was not in such a hurry to get the gold to the blacksmith shop, as he had a large quantity of gold in his possession.

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PROLOGUE ON ROLLERS.

AUSPICIOUS OPENING LAST EVENING OF THE SKATING SEASON.

Crozier Wins the Mile Race Handily—Who Were There and What They Did.

Everybody was there! It has been many a day since the old pavilion has had the honor of holding such a large and frolicsome crowd of people as it contained last evening, when the skating rink opened for the winter season. And it has also been many a day since the old pavilion has presented such a brilliant and gay appearance. The decorations were so profuse as to be almost bewildering to the spectators as they entered the door. The ceiling was a mass of swaying banners, streamers, Chinese lanterns, etc. The old suspended music-stand was scarcely recognizable, completely smothered as it was under an immense and early-colored canopy of bunting. The floor, which for the past month has been in the hands of workmen, was as level and smooth as the regulation billiard table.

Fifteen minutes after the doors were thrown open skaters were as numerous as was also skating room on the floor, and seating room for the spectators. Nevertheless, everybody was in for a good time, and the general jostling was productive of no complaint. Managers George Clark and Fred Holden were all smiles as they greeted the skaters and received the guests—gathered with the two-bit pieces—and both appeared to be as happy as the proverbial bugs in a rug. Mr. Clark in particular was almost angelic in appearance. He smiled, and grinned, and laughed and joked with the skaters. He was in the box office window, and several persons attempted to get their hands on him, but he was not to be moved. He was in the box office window, and several persons attempted to get their hands on him, but he was not to be moved.

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