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"Yet doth the anguish of the Trojans hereafter not so much trouble me, neither Hekabe's own neither King Priam's, neither my brethren's, the many and brave that shall fall in the dust before their foemen, as doth thine anguish in the day when some mail-clad Achaian shall lead thee weeping and rob thee of the light of freedom. So shalt thou abide in Argos and ply the loom at another woman's bidding, and bear water from fount Messeis or Hypereia, being grievously entreated, and sore constraint shall be laid upon thee. And then shall one say that beholdeth thee weep: 'This is the wife of Hector, that was foremost in battle of the horse-taming Trojans when men fought about Ilios.' Thus shall one say hereafter, and fresh grief will be thine for lack of such a husband as then hadst to ward off the day of thraldom. But me in death may the heaped-up earth be covering ere I hear thy crying and thy carrying into captivity."

So spake glorious Hector, and stretched out his arm to his boy. But the child shrunk crying to the bosom of his fair-girdled nurse, dismayed at his dear father's aspect, and in dread at the bronze and horse-hair crest that he beheld nodding fiercely from the helmet's top. Then his dear father laughed aloud, and his lady mother; forthwith glorious Hector took the helmet from his head, and laid it, all gleaming, upon the earth; then kissed he his dear son and dandled him in his arms, and spake in prayer to Zeus and all the gods, "O Zeus and all ye gods, vouchsafe ye that this my son may likewise prove even as I, pre-eminent amid the Trojans, and as valiant in might, and be a great king of Ilios. Then may men say of him, 'Far greater is he than his father' as he returneth home from battle; and may he bring with him blood-stained spoils from the foemen he hath slain, and may his mother's heart be glad."

So spake he, and laid his son in his dear wife's arms; and she took him to her fragrant bosom, smiling tearfully. And her husband had pity to see her, and caressed her with its hand, and spake and called upon her name: "Dear one, I pray thee be not of oversorrowful heart; no man against my fate shall hurl me to Hades; only destiny, I ween, no man hath escaped, be he coward or be he valiant, when once he hath been born. But go thou to thine house and see to thine own tasks, the loom and distaff, and bid thine handmaidens ply their work; but for war shall men provide, and I in chief of all men that dwell in Ilios."

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MINES AND MINING.

FRIDAY, May 18—P. M.

The dealings in mining stocks to-day generally were of the same character as those of preceding days and weeks. But while little business was done in the Comstocks, there was developd exceptional strength in their prices; Consolidated Virginia rose from 49 to 55 cents, Robinson closed 1 cent higher, and Little Pittsburg was up 5 cents at 88 cents. Sonora Consolidated was active at 45@48 cents and closed at 47 cents. Silver Cliff again was dealt in at 20@18 cents.

SALES AT THE MINING EXCHANGE.

Names.	Actual Sales. Opening.	High est.	Low est.	Final	Shares Sold. N. Y Ex.
Amie	.18	.18	.18	.18	500
Bassick	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	40
Best and Belcher	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	50
Belle Isle	.30	.30	.30	.30	200
Bodie	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	100
Bradshaw	.35	.35	.35	.35	300
Con Virginia	.52	.58	.52	.55	2,000
Decatur	.05	.05	.05	.05	8,000
Elko	.21	.21	.21	.21	1,500
Eureka Con	2.90	2.90	2.65	2.70	325
Independence	.41	.41	.40	.40	200
Iron Silver	3.00	3.05	3.00	3.00	373
Lacrosse	.13	.13	.13	.13	800
Little Pittsburg	.88	.89	.87	.88	1,800
Mexican	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	50
Navajo	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	100
Rappahannock	.07	.07	.07	.07	2,000
Robinson Con	.86	.87	.86	.87	2,500
Sierra Nevada	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	50
Silver Cliff	.20	.20	.18	.18	2,000
Silver King	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	40
Sonora Con	.46	.48	.45	.47	24500
South Pacific	.05	.05	.05	.05	900
Standard Con	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	35
Sutro Tunnel	.21	.21	.20	.20	1,500
Union Con	4.50	5.13	4.50	5.00	400
Total sales for the day					48,063

* Seller 30; † seller 10.

CLOSING PRICES OF CALIFORNIA STOCKS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, May 18, 1883.

	Yesterday.	To-day		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alpha	1¼	1⅝	Ophir	2⅝	2¾
Alta	.70	.60	Potosi	1¼	1¼
Belcher	1	1	Sierra Nevada	6	5⅝
Best and Belcher	4	4	Silver King	10½	..
Bodie	1⅛	1⅛	Tip Top	.40	.40
California	.25	.25	Union Con	5	4¾
Cons. Virginia	.50	.50	Yellow Jacket	4⅛	3¾
Crown Point	1½	1½	Navajo	2	2
Eureka Con	3	2¾	Mount Diablo	2¾	..
Exchequer	.35	.35	Belle Isle	.30	.25
Gould and Curry	2⅝	2½	Independence	.30	.35
Grand Prize	1	85	North Belle Isle	..	.25
Hale and Norcross	4¼	4¼	Elko Con	.20	..
Martin White	.30	..	Savage	2⅞	2¼
Mexican	3⅝	3¼	Chollar	2⅜	2¾
Northern Belle	6⅝	6⅞			

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BODIE, Cal, May 18.—An accident at the Standard Mill yesterday completely ruined the engine. It will take a month to replace the engine. The Standard Bulwer Mill is running regularly on Standard ore.

In answer to the many inquiries which have been addressed to the officers of the Sonora Consolidated Mill and Mining Company since the death of Governor Milton S. Latham, the former president of the company, the officers present to their stockholders and the public, in another column, a full statement and report regarding the present condition of the company and its mines, which will no doubt be read with interest.

Bullion valued at $12,000 was received in this city yesterday from the mines.

The clean-up of the Father de Smet mine for the last half of April yielded $15,058.32.

Official Announcements.

NEW-YORK, May 12, 1883.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE
SONORA
CONSOLIDATED MILL AND MINING COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN: The SONORA CONSOLIDATED MILL AND MINING COMPANY was incorporated on the 16th day of November, 1880, under the Laws of the State of New-York.

Its object was to acquire the titles to four mines situated in Northern Sonora, Mexico, in the Altar District, at the base of the Sombrietillo Mountains, about 120 miles south from Tucson, Ariz., and about ten miles from the dividing line between Mexico and Arizona.

These mines consist of the "Puertecitos," "Barrenos," "Cumbre" and "El Tio." Each mine represents a full mining claim of 2,660 feet in length by 666 feet in width.

The "Puertecitos," "Barrenos," "Cumbre" and "El Tio" mines were obtained with perfect title, the boundaries being set up by Government officers and possession given by the official under the laws of Mexico in whom is vested this power. The titles to these mines are therefore perfect.

Owing to the death of the president and principal stockholder of the company, some fifteen months ago, the mines have been badly managed, and work has been suspended for the past year.

The difficulties which have heretofore been a ban and impediment to the successful carrying on of the business of the Sonora Consolidated Mill and Mining Company have at last been removed, and it is with great pleasure that the officers of the Company present the gratifying intelligence to the stockholders that Mr. Dudley Hoyt, the well-known mining superintendent, has been employed to take charge of the company's property, and is now on his way to the mines to start the mills and proceed to place the mines on a paying basis.

Mr. Hoyt has received instructions to make a full report on the mines and what the probabilities are for the future, and publish the same for the benefit of all the stockholders.

Accompanying this statement will be found the report of Mr. George Hogg, mining engineer, dated San Juan, Sonora, Mexico, May 23, 1881. Mr. Hogg was dispatched to these several properties to carefully examine and make a report on the same. His report is hereafter given entire. In Exhibit "B," will also be found the assays made in the City of New-York of ore taken from the four mines owned by the Sonora Consolidated Mill and Mining Company. Since then, subsequent developments and wealth disclosed therein, give reasonable hope of permanency to the other mines which are contiguous to it. The company have bought and erected a two-stamp mill, each stamp weighing 800 pounds each. The mill was carefully erected and is in perfect order, and is now crushing ore. The receipts from this mill will be sufficient not only to develop these respective properties, but to erect such additional stamps as may be necessary for a complete and perfect development of the property. There will be no tax, therefore, upon the stockholders, as the owners thereof have not only paying mines but the means of extracting wealth from the same sufficient to carry on the work of exploration, and the erection of any additional stamps to make the property dividend paying.

EXHIBIT "B."
ASSAY OF NEW-YORK METALLURGICAL WORKS,
NEW-YORK, November 16th, 1880.

Name of Mine.	Gold value.	Silver value.	Total.
For Puertecitos, Gold and Silver	$35 16	$29 85	$65 01
Barrenos, Gold and Silver	234 89	353 54	588 43
Cumbre, Gold and Silver	680 74	168 12	848 86
El Tio, Gold and Silver	6 17 20	38 70	55 90

EXHIBIT "C."
BATTERY ASSAY OF N. Y. METALLURGICAL WORKS,
Taken from pulp of 232 lbs. of ore.
NEW-YORK, June 22, 1881.

Name of Mine.	Gold value.	Silver value.	Total.
Puertecitos, Gold and Silver	$939 44	$1,281 06	$2,220 50
Puertecitos, Gold and Silver	254 92	509 06	763 98
Puertecitos, Gold and Silver	12 50	287 10	299 60
Puertecitos, Gold and Silver	64 09	293 21	357 30
Mixed ores from all the mines	226 15	470 65	696 80

NEW-YORK, June 22, 1881.

Hon. Milton S. Latham, City.

SIR: Enclosed find certificate