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## Lost Bullion Scheme Began With Romance.

The following printed in pamphlet form shows the advertising methods adopted by the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines company, which was recently exposed as a wild cat scheme, says the Silver City Independent.

The romance of the Lost Spanish mine is set forth in a pamphlet sent to prospective purchasers of stock. A breast-plated grandee of Cortez' army of conquest is fancied to have crossed the Rio Grande in New Mexico and to have found the mine near what is now known as Silver City.

The grandee is averred to have worked the mine for a decade, extracting untold wealth, which he sent to his relatives in distant Spain, and then a party of savage Indians came along and wiped him out, along with the rest of the mythical army. No one escaped to tell the tale. The mine was lost.

Many efforts are said to have been made to locate it during the last three centuries, and many men are supposed to have lost their lives in the search, but it remained hidden until a lowly half-breed found it again a few years ago. Through devious hands it is supposed to have come into the possession of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines company.

The above named concern gives a description of the old workings. There are claimed to be miles of tunnels. The only difficulty mentioned is that the old method of carrying out the ore has left the property without a proper means of entrance, and money is needed to drive shafts and tunnels to tap the veins.

The company is incorporated for 10,000,000 with that number of shares of a par value of 1\$ each. The stock has been sold at 40 cents, and the prospectus says the price is to be advanced to 50 cents March 1. The inspectors claim they found that the old workings miles in length, are only a natural cave of irregular shape.

The only work done is the cutting a hole some sixty feet deep. Piles of ore said to be visible were not seen by the officers. The beautiful romance has been heard by none of the natives of the vicinity, and the whole of Silver City has felt itself outraged by the tale. There is considerable real wealth of metal at and around Silver City.

The exposure of the scheme is no surprise to the people of Silver City. For months past business men and others have been in receipt of letters from all over the United States making inquiry as to the truth of the representations, and it is evident from the many letters of inquiry received that the advertising has been extensively conducted all over the United States, but especially in the east. The same scheme then operated by the Geronimo Copper company was exposed by the Independent last May, and as stated at that time the people of Silver City are naturally indignant that such methods should be pursued when there are abundance of legitimate mining propositions here for investment.

## Sonora Country Immensely Rich.

R. C. Walker, a well known mining man and prospector who has been identified with the development of the southwest during the last twenty years, returned to Cananea last week from a trip of a couple of months through the lower country, having spent considerable of his time in the Yaqui valley says the Cananea Herald.

"I do not believe," said Mr. Walker on his return, "that there is a land of greater possibilities under the sun than that embraced in the northern part of Sonora and the western slope of the Sierra Madres.

"To tell even a part of the vast resources of the section would be only to invite criticism as a wild enthusiast. People must see the country before they can be expected to understand its almost if not quite limitless possibilities. Even then I can take away only a comparatively small idea of the immense things which nature has put ready for the hand of man in this great domain. Cananea for instance, is but a small part of this great sec-

tion, yet the man who would venture to promise for undeveloped ground the results that have been obtained on Greene-Cananea property in the last six years, would at once, among the investors, be branded at the least. He could not get an expert to believe him, much less to make a trip to examine into the truth of his assertions even in small part. Of course I am not saying that there is a great sweep of country of the kind Cananea district has in the state. Possibly there is nowhere another such enormously rich district, but what I do say is that there is a great deal of wonderful mineralization in Sonora and the scope of it is so immense as to paralyze the expert and investor. The fact of the greatness of the section and its mineral showing is one of the hardest things it has to combat in its onward march. People hesitate to take hold of anything so big. In fact, your stories of it sound like fairy tales. Take the great properties of the Greene Gold-Silver, for instance. Old timers in the country and experts who have been over the properties and country of that great company know that they cannot find in the dictionary enough and sufficiently strong words to tell of the wonderful mineralization, ore showing and possibilities that there are awaiting opening up by capital. But to tell even a small part of this to the stranger to the ground is to put him on guard attitude with doubt holding the balance of power in his mind.

"As to the Yaqui valley country and the mining districts adjacent, things are very quiet there as far as the Indians are concerned. Mining activity and agricultural work are pretty generally resumed and the outlook for the future is very good. People there have taken heart after the trials of the last couple of years, which have greatly retarded progress and the development of the country. From now on I look to see a different state of things. There are undoubtedly very valuable mineral properties in the country."

## Important Strike Made at Pearce.

Cochise country is famous throughout the mining world for her unrivaled mineral deposits. The Tombstone mines were the first to attract the attention of capital to this section, since which time mining has continued in the ascendancy. Nature has been most lavish in secreting her treasure in Cochise. The riches are not confined to either Tombstone or Bisbee but are to be found throughout the county where energy is put forth.

The Commonwealth mine at Pearce produced millions in the white and yellow metal, but finally exhausted the generous "cache," or more properly speaking, lost the vein. But the town of Pearce is destined to again come to the front as a mining center, for the Commonwealth lead that so unceremoniously "broke away" has been located and brought to view.

John Pearce, the original discoverer of the Commonwealth, owns ground adjoining the mine which made many wealthy, and he has steadfastly asserted that some day he would uncover the "mother lode," and with that belief ever possessing him he has continued to prospect the ground, with the result that a few days since the long sought for ledge was encountered. The strike was made but twenty feet below the surface, the extent of which has not as yet been ascertained. The ore is identically the same as that which made the Commonwealth famous, and the first and only assay thus far made ran 1700 ounces silver.

The new find will spring into prominence instantaneously, as the Pearce Development Co. has been organized to exploit the ground and make of the prospect a mine.—Tombstone Prospector.

## Nevada-Utah Operations.

The Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelting Corporations are continuing their work of reconstruction in the same substantial and permanent manner as has been their policy from the beginning of operations. At the No. 5 they have reached a depth of twelve hundred and seventy-five feet in the work of retimbering, with a comparative progress in the No. 1. A contract has

been let in the No. 5 for the running of a drift from the 1000 foot level toward the porphyry dike, which said contract is being worked with all possible speed, two shifts being constantly employed.

Air compressors have been ordered and will shortly be installed for use in the different shafts. Boiler houses are being built, boilers erected and larger engines being installed, thus paving the way for the working of the mines upon a large scale as soon as timbering is completed. It can be easily discerned that the above corporation is a gigantic one when the fact is taken into consideration that not alone in Piocha district but in several others they are carrying on development and other work upon a large scale.—Piocha Record.

## Ely, Nevada.

Ely is the county seat of White Pine county, Nevada, located in the central eastern portion of the state. It has been a habitation of the white man since the golden days of '49, but has only recently come into the limelight as a result of the extensive preparations now under way to make it one of the largest, if not the first largest, copper camps on earth.

It is sufficient to say that mining men of eminence throughout the world all agree that the largest deposits of copper ore ever discovered are now being exploited in this district, and it has been estimated that 100,000,000 tons of ore have already been blocked out in the mines. These figures are so stupendous that they are almost beyond the comprehension of even mining men, who are familiar with big ore reserves. The most important factor in making the ore profitable is the immensity of the deposits, and the economy with which it can be mined, transported and treated.

That the mineral deposits are of gigantic proportion is confirmed by the fact that two of the older companies are jointly erecting a smelting plant at a cost of 10,000,000\$, which, when completed, will be the largest in the world. The plant will have a daily capacity of 15,000 tons, and will be increased as the demand necessitates. The building for this immense plant will be 7500 feet in length—almost a mile and a half. It will be 350 feet wide, and when completed will be the largest building ever erected. The structural steel alone will cost 375,000\$. The power plant will cost 350,000\$, and will have a capacity of 7500 horse power, while the round house will have stalls for thirty-two engines. The first unit of this plant will be in operation before the expiration of the present year.

The present population of Ely is about three thousand but it is growing rapidly.

Forty-eight mining companies are now operating here, and others are being incorporated almost daily. The market value of the shares of the Ely companies now quoted on the New York and Boston market is 80,000,000\$. This demonstrates the unbounded confidence of investors in copper shares in a camp that has not as yet produced a pound of copper. Many vast fortunes have been made in Ely mines, but the harvest time is yet to come.—Mining Record.

## Missouri Women Big Speculators in Land Tracts.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 16.—The Misses Helen Kimber and Nellie Howard returned here today from Old Mexico and confirmed a report that they closed a deal and paid 750,000\$ for 1,600,000 acres of grazing, agricultural and mining lands in old Mexico.

These young women came to St. Joseph three years ago from Cottonwood Falls, Kas., where for a short time prior they had engaged in the sale of Kansas lands. They have developed into speculators on a large scale. They purchased 230,000 acres in one tract on the Gulf of California, which takes in two ports, Libertad and Lobos. For ninety-seven miles a part of the tract touches the Arizona border, and the young women say they have exceedingly valuable mineral deposits south of Tucson. Much of the land is designed for farming.

## Mines at Gallup Closed Indefinitely.

Speculation is just now rife in the city of Gallup over the recent disclosure of operations at the mines of the Gallup Fuel company. The concern has laid off all its hands and cleaned up its property apparently for a long period of inactivity, and it is announced that that work will not be resumed at the colliery until conditions have been materially changed. Much regret is felt over the attitude of the company, as it is known that the property contains vast deposits of as good coal as can be found in this part of the country, and because of the loss to the merchants of the monthly pay roll, which amounts to 1,500\$. Rumors of a sale of the property to outside parties and the purchase of additional holdings are indulged in by some, but nothing of a definite character is in sight as yet. It is hoped, however, that the difficulty will soon be overcome and the mines reopened.—Albuquerque Citizen.

The Globe-Arizona mining company, which recently took over the Rogers, Starr and Rolling property adjoining the Superior & Boston and Old Dominion, is making better headway than the purchasers of the property anticipated, and mining men who have recently visited the property believe that the company has one of the best showings for quick results in the district. While cleaning out the old shaft, which had caved in, miners discovered an old crosscut about fifty feet from the surface. It had been covered by shaft timbers several years ago and those timbers, which had rotted, were being replaced when the discovery was made. The crosscut is only twenty feet long but it cuts a vein of high grade ore, about four feet wide. The discovery of the old working was a cause of considerable comment among

old mining men who are acquainted with that section. No one seemed to have known of it, even those who sold the property being unaware of the crosscut. It was later recalled that Tom Reinhart, who committed suicide several years ago, formerly worked the mine for silver and had taken a considerable quantity of ore from the small crosscut. The ore ran into copper, but the extremely low price then of the red metal made its mining there prohibitive and the mine was abandoned. It is evident that the vicinity is heavily mineralized. A few years ago ore in good quantity was discovered in blasting into the footwall twenty feet from the surface, to install new timbers. The mine is expected to start shipping soon after the arrival of the steam hoisting plant, which has been ordered.—Globe Silver Belt.

The fact that one hundred cars of ore were hauled by the E. P. & S. W. railroad last week from Bisbee shows that the labor troubles in the mining camp have not so far prevented the output of ore in sufficient quantities to retard production at the smelters in Bisbee. One day the regular ore train brought sixty cars and in the afternoon there was a special train of forty cars, all loaded with ore, except two or three oil tank cars. During the last week the western division of the Southwestern delivered to the eastern division more than five hundred empty cars which had been held on the various sidings between Douglas and El Paso. These empty cars were handled in addition to the regular business.—Review.

Speaker Bailey, while speaking in support of the Doran mine tax bill in the lower house the other day, stated that Cochise county under the new law will have an increased tax valuation of 8,000,000\$.

What does the Breakfast-Bell mean in your household—

Light, wholesome Biscuit made with

Dr. PRICE'S Baking Powder?

or unwholesome food made with an alum baking powder?

It is worth your while to inquire.

