

ABOUT HOLES IN THE GROUND.

A Dry Place Bonanza Northeast of Lancaster.

Another Discovery of a Coal Vein Near Elinore.

A Phosphate Find—San Bernardino County Prospects—Lago County Mines—Lower California Notes.

Lancaster Gazette: Sixty miles northwest of Lancaster, along the rough decomposed granite ridges that are north of Desert Springs, there is a mining boom going on that reminds one of:

The days of '49. The days of '49.

The country for 20 miles around has been staked off into claims, and the scores of miners are at work making from \$5 to \$25 per day. It seems that the gold some time or other has been washed down the hill into the gulches and then at the mouth of the gulches it spreads out over the flat plains. Those who have claims staked out in the gulches are making money by buying the claims out on the plains are making more or less, largely depending on their nearness to the mouth of the gulches or the course of the ancient stream.

As there is no water to wash the gold out with, the mining operations are handicapped. The gold of course lies on bed rock, having sunk there by its own greater weight.

The method of mining, then, is to shovel the dirt, sand and decomposed granite off the top and throw it aside. When bed rock, which is hard rock in some places and in others is hardened clay, from a foot to twenty feet deep, is reached it is carefully swept over, each crevice cleaned out and all the dirt is then run through a dry washer. These dry washers are made on the same principle as the common fanning mill used in cleaning grain. The dirt is shoveled into the top, a man turns a crank which runs the fans, blowing the dirt over and strikes the sieves, separating the gravel. The gold sifts down into a pan at the bottom.

Many of the men are making from \$5 to \$25 per day. Some nice nuggets have been found. Several miners have come into Lancaster with gold nuggets as big as the ends of one's fingers. One miner brought a gold nugget into Mojave weighing 1 1/2 ounces, worth over \$200.

Some miners here last week said they had netted over \$12 each per day for the three weeks they had been there. We asked them why they did not stay longer. They said they had washed to the end of their claims and further work was useless, and that other good paying claims cannot be found. Then the water is being staked out as big as the risk of one's life at this time of year.

On the 24th of July there was a cloudburst among the miners that was most disastrous in its results. Scores of miners had their diggings filled up, their food supply washed away and many of them barely escaped with their lives. So there are just now a good many discouraged miners there and a good many are going through here on their way home.

The riches of the desert are still unknown. California in 1849 produced the gold that brought the country out of a financial straits. Is history going to repeat itself? If so, and the country northeast of Lancaster is searched, no doubt it will yield a full crop of gold with which to break the back of hard times.

San Bernardino Mines.

San Bernardino Kaleidoscope: Our desert country is coming rapidly to the front, and while many citizens of the county have heretofore believed that we are harassed with a large, unprofitable territory of sand and mountain, an expense to the taxpayer and worthless in the extreme, in a short time they are able to radically change their views, especially now when gold is in the foreground, are the mineral regions of a county valuable, and from all sections the news is decidedly encouraging to the development of mining industries. In the Morongo district especially the reports are most favorable, where development is going rapidly ahead and resulting in practical production. The Rose mine is being worked with a force of 20 or more men, a five-stamp mill, running day and night, gleaming out the glittering gold, in fact, too small for the amount of ore hoisted from the 300-foot level. Every indication points to the favorable future of this property. Watts & Smart are developing their claim on the western extension of this mine, and are now at work in having a tunnel 100 feet which is being pushed into the big gold ledge. The old mine of Lucky Baldwin at Gold Mountain is bonded by an eastern syndicate and development on an extensive scale is being carried on with the most favorable prospects. C. W. Allen has a fine mine some four miles east of the Rose, and the work of building a road via Whitewater will commence soon, in order to carry in machinery and supplies for further development.

More Elinore Coal.

Elinore Press: The clay bank property near Elinore, from which the Southern California sewer pipe works here and at Los Angeles are supplied with material for the manufacture of the famous vitrified water pipe, is destined to become of greater importance than even the yielding of the valuable clay would warrant. The property is owned by a company in which Dr. Alexander de Borra of Riverside holds the controlling interest. The company has been engaged for the past few months with a small force of men in mining the clay, which was hauled by teams to the pipe works at Terra Cotta and also to the Elinore depot, from whence it shipped to Los Angeles; and although the indications have been favorable for finding coal in paying quantities, the business of getting out the clay was considered sufficiently remunerative to satisfy the owners of the property. But last week J. T. Timmis, the mine foreman, in looking up the face of the bank just after a blast had been fired off, was electrified to find a splendid seam of coal disclosed to view some three feet below the surface. Mr. Timmis was, as may be supposed, delighted, although he had been expecting just such a thing to happen for some time, and he at once notified William McVicker, one of the company, who with Dr. de Borra at once repaired to the scene of the discovery, after inspecting which they made arrangements to have the work of development pushed as rapidly as possible, and to this end the land at work will be doubled until the find is sufficiently developed to sat-

ONE WEEK IS PLENTY OF TIME.

The Great Fair Can Be Seen in Seven Days.

A Detailed Programme of How It Should Be Done.

With System and an Avoidance of Repeating Steps the Visitor Can See About All There Is in a Short Time.

Special correspondence to the Herald. CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—It has often been asked, "Can one see the fair thoroughly in one week?" In answer to this query we would say, that if one goes at it systematically, and not squander too much time on retracing their steps, they can get a pretty good view of the world's fair in one week. Beginning Monday morning they can enter the grounds at 9:30 from the elevated railroad at 63d street entrance. The first thing that strikes the new comer with awe is the administration building with its monumental gilt dome towering majestically above the terminal station on the west, the machinery hall on the south, and the mining and electricity buildings on the north. The visitor naturally turns to the left when the gorgeous spectacle, the transportation building, stands out conspicuously from the white buildings near it. Passing through the court on the left between the administration building and the electricity building, one comes out to the front of the grand basin. Here they stop. The scene holds even the best traveled person in thrall. McMenie's fountain throws giant streams of spray into the basin, while facing you from the east end towers the statue of Liberty enlightening the world. Behind the fountain the fine peristyle in all the world. After a few moments of silent admiration of the scene in the court of honor, you cross the bridge over the lagoon and view the largest building in the world, the manufactures and the machinery building. Passing north through its wide porches you come to the government building, which stands in a large square. You still continue north, crossing the vast channel of the lagoon. When you come to the fisheries. After a hurried glance at this beautiful structure you turn west and before you stands the Illinois building. This is one of the largest state buildings on the ground. You next visit the woman's building and the children's home. Coming south again, you see the new company will thus possess a great surplus of water, they propose supplying it to owners of land in the Temescal valley, between Elinore and this place, and also to lands below South Riverside where owners desire water for irrigation.

Lower California Mines. Among other districts in Lower California, silver is found in those of San Antonio and Triunfo. The so-called Colorado ores consist mainly of chlorides and arsenocyanides, or arsenates of silver, associated with litharge, hydroxide of iron, carbonate of zinc, and other substances. The negro ores appear to consist of silver, copper, and gray silver, plumbago, galena, native sulphur, and arsenic cyanides, having their matrices or gangues formed by a portion of quartz and clay-steatites. The ores of these districts vary in assay from \$40 to \$140 per ton, and their chief lodes are the Santa Rita, San Jose, Santa Gertrudis, Guanabaco, and La Valenciana. The districts of Virgenes and Cacachilas possess mines whose ores usually contain chloride of silver, native silver, sulphurous or glassy, and bromide of silver, among the Colorado, and among the negroes, galena and carbonate of copper, with the gangues or matrices of quartz and heavy spar. All the veins carry a certain percentage of gold and are richer than those of the San Antonio and Triunfo.

The superintendent of the salt works in Isla del Carmen, Gulf of Cortes, has signed a contract for the construction of aids for launching vessels out into deep water.

Riverside Mine Owners. Riverside Enterprise: Mining news among the Riverside owners of mining property is not as lively just at present as has been the case in the past.

Although no rich strikes have been recorded of late, some satisfactory finds in ledges now being worked have been uncovered.

The Oro Fino mine, which is owned here, is giving good promise, and its owners are satisfied with the prospect of this reliable property as containing an 18-inch true fissure vein which is furnishing large quantities of good ore. Work on the ledge is being pushed vigorously. The mine is located in the Ibox district and very near the Ibox mine.

This latter mine is also showing a good prospect, and its owners are pushing work thereon with energy.

A. J. Twogood, superintendent of the Rose mine, is in the city, and he reports that reliable property as containing an 18-inch true fissure vein which is furnishing large quantities of good ore. Work on the ledge is being pushed vigorously. The mine is located in the Ibox district and very near the Ibox mine.

Good Gold Prospects. Inyo Independent: Supervisor Wilson was in town this morning. He reports the roads all right in his district. The river is running over the Lone Pine bridge, but as the structure is a very substantial one there is no danger of its going out. Mr. Wilson says that quite a party will soon go into the Beveridge country, where some excellent prospects have recently been opened up.

The Carrasco boys and Jim Stenebury have just concluded a deal of gold ore in the steam area of the old McEroy mill, and made a good clean-up. Mr. Wilson will keep the arastra running and will probably start the mill. The ruinous depreciation of silver has the effect of stimulating gold mining to the extent of activity. The money must work or starve, and the silver is comparatively valueless, the old gold fields will be thoroughly prospected over.

Back from Inyo. Walker Lake Bulletin: W. N. Cook of the Central mine returned Sunday from Inyo county. He says that the country in the vicinity of Bishop is now a beautiful sight. Everything is of luxuriant growth, and the crops will be abundant. Mr. Cook made several prospecting trips into the mountains of Inyo. He is of the opinion that it will some day prove to be a big mining region. But very little mining has ever been done there and he says the general formation is favorable for quartz ledges, and Mr. Cook's judgment on a mining proposition is second to none.

A Broken Reservoir. Four Lives Lost and \$25,000 Damage Done at Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 6.—The great reservoir of the Portland Water company, on the eastern promenade, burst this morning, letting loose its 20,000,000 gallons of water in the space of about 15 minutes. The immense mass of water thus suddenly loosed dashed with mighty power upon two houses occupied by the families of Michael Lappin and Dennis Conley. The buildings were crushed as if they had been made of cardboard. Four persons lost their lives, Mrs. Dennis Conley, Agnes Conley, Annie Conley and James Messley. Boat-houses at and below a few feet from a reservoir fence, and a high wall of clay, 50 feet high, were broken up. Fortunately the break in the bank was discovered early and the residents in the vicinity were warned of the impending danger, which enabled them to take the necessary precautions. The loss of life would have been much greater. The flood tore up the street to a depth of six feet. The damage done amounts to \$25,000.

No Cholera Developed. QUARANTINE STATION, S. I., Aug. 6.—No cholera developments occurred in the Karamania case up to this evening. All of the steamer's passengers have been transferred to Hoffman island, where they were given a bath and their clothing was disinfected. The vessel and crew were thoroughly disinfected after the removal of the passengers, and she will remain at the upper station three or four days.

THE SALE OF A LAKE.

SOME RIVERSIDE PEOPLE PURCHASE LAKE ELSINORE.

The Lake and the Town Sold by a Trust Company—The South Riverside Land and Water Company the Purchaser.

From Monday's DAILY HERALD. One of the most important water deals that has been made in California in a long time was made public today by the South Riverside Bee on Saturday.

Negotiations have been pending in the matter for some time and the deal was finally consummated several days ago.

The South Riverside Land and Water company has acquired by purchase of the Security Loan and Trust company of Los Angeles, trustee, the body of water known as Lake Elinore, covering between 8000 and 10,000 acres, also 3000 acres of land, and also all of the town lots in Elinore formerly owned by F. H. Head, together with all water rights, rights of way for ditches, pipes etc.

The purchase is one of great importance to South Riverside. Although our water supply is ample and we are susceptible of greatly increased development by means of artesian wells, tunnels and reservoirs, there are those who questioned the sufficiency of the quantity of water available. All questions as to the sufficiency of water will now be settled.

Engineer Kellogg, who has surveyed the lake, asserts that there is water enough there to supply ten colonies of the extent of South Riverside with the irrigating water. As the company will thus possess a great surplus of water, they propose supplying it to owners of land in the Temescal valley, between Elinore and this place, and also to lands below South Riverside where owners desire water for irrigation.

The Temescal creek being the natural outlet of Lake Elinore, it follows that it would be an easy matter to bring the water from the lake to the colony lands of South Riverside. The water can be drawn off by a tunnel or by pumps at a comparatively light expense.

It is not probable that any steps will be taken immediately to make use of this vast reservoir of water, as there is as much water flowing in the pipes of our water company as can be made use of, but the water is there whenever it may be needed if it ever is.

The lake is about 20 miles from South Riverside. It is a very pretty sheet of water, surrounded by mountains, and is the natural catchment basin of a large number of streams. The San Jacinto river finds its outlet in the lake and the drainage of the vast area of land around Ferris and San Jacinto is focused there. As these lands are being irrigated more each year the water drawn into Lake Elinore will continually increase. Upon the surface of the lake pleasure craft ply and at one time there was a steam launch which was built for Mr. Head.

It is the purpose of the company to make important improvements which will beautify the lake and be of great importance to the city of Elinore and the surrounding country, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with property owners in the vicinity of the lake.

The change of ownership in the lake will be a source of satisfaction to all who are interested in the welfare of the Queen colony, as the amplitude of our water supply is now forever placed beyond any suspicion of a doubt.

Cholera Reports. ROME, Aug. 6.—It is officially announced that between noon Friday and noon today, 20 cases of cholera and 13 deaths have been reported in Naples, and three new cases and one death in Rome.

Bucharest, Aug. 6.—Cholera has broken out in the garrison at Colina.

A Fatal Row. AUBURN, Cal., Aug. 6.—In a row at the Mayflower mine, Forest Hill, today, Harry Phillips shot and killed E. McMannam and wounded William Golding.

SOME FINANCIAL ROTTENNESS.

The Pacific Bank's Branch at Riverside.

Bank Commissioners Condemn it, but Allow it to Continue.

They Wrote Some Letters and Then Apparently Went to Sleep—The Case as it Appears From Recent Developments.

From Monday's DAILY HERALD. There have been some startling disclosures during the past week regarding at least two of the banks which suspended some time ago. The banks referred to are the Pacific Bank of San Francisco and the Riverside Banking company of Riverside. To show that adverse reports of both institutions were made by the bank commissioners as far back as December, 1891, the following was sent to the Pacific bank by the commissioners:

Referring to our examination of the Pacific bank, made December 7, 8 and 9, 1891, we hereby respectfully submit the following instructions, as provided by section 11 of an act creating this board:

First—Real estate. Sell all except bank premises.

Second—Madera bank, John Brown colony, \$140,000. Undertake at once such negotiations as will enable you to dispose of this enterprise, and avoid a further outlay on this account.

Fourth—Riverside Banking company, \$275,000. Reduce this balance as rapidly as possible to \$50,000.

The personal guarantee of R. H. McDonald that all these instructions are to be complied with at once is accepted by this board in lieu of other proceedings that might be deemed necessary in the premises.

Yours respectfully, B. McL. HARDISTY.

Then come the following letters referring to what the Chronicle calls the "branch bank at Riverside":

DEAR SIR:—In our recent examination of the Pacific Bank, San Francisco, we find that the Riverside Banking company of Riverside is indebted to the Pacific bank in the sum of \$275,000. We have before expressed our opinion to you of the Riverside Banking company, and we are now obliged to report to you that you are doing an unsafe business, for the amount of the above indebtedness is so large that it exhibits a necessity for borrowing. We have given this bank much attention. It is now endeavoring to increase its capital, which, if successful, will place it in a reasonably fair condition, but should there be in the meantime any extraordinary demand upon it we fear it could not meet it. Yours respectfully, BOARD OF BANK COMMISSIONERS.

Hon. William H. Hart, Attorney General, Sacramento, Cal.

DEAR SIR:—I herewith beg to hand you report of the Riverside Banking company, in compliance with section 11 of the act creating this board and to advise you that for a longer period this bank has given this commission great concern.

Everything has been done to force up the management to a proper realization of its condition, but these efforts have been in vain, and while delay has been solely in the belief that its affairs could be improved the matter is now submitted to you for such action as you may deem proper. Very respectfully, B. McL. HARDISTY.

The Pacific bank and the Riverside Banking company were then called on by the commissioners for certain information, and Attorney General Hart was notified of the fact.

The correspondents quoted is taken from the Chronicle, and which the Riverside Enterprise of yesterday morning has the following to say editorially:

"The conduct of Attorney-General Hart is inexplicable to any one who reads the reports and repeated warnings, given to him by the commission, with reference to these two institutions. It is charitable to suppose that he acted on a mistaken belief that matters might be patched up and a crash averted. It does not seem probable, in view of the past week's disclosures, that he will pursue this course of non-interference much longer.

"The disclosures that have been made place the failures of the banks in a somewhat new light. They were not like many solvent institutions which were forced to suspend but have since resumed—the victims of financial stringency and general hard times. They belong in quite a different category. If the commissioners are to be believed, they were shabby concerns, recklessly managed, and in constant danger of collapse, even under favorable circumstances. The truth concerning them has been long suppressed. It is well that the facts have at last come out."

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HOOSIER DESPERADOES.

A TERRIBLE SHOOTING AFFRAY IN INDIANA.

A Lynching Party Ambushed by Their Intended Victims and Five Men Fatally Shot—The Murderers Escaped.

COVINGTON, Ind., Aug. 6.—Last night about 1 o'clock, Boone township, this county, was made the scene of the most terrible shooting affair that ever occurred in this part of the state. A large crowd of men went to the home of William and Ed Conrad for the purpose of lynching them, they being suspected of killing their father last winter. The Conrads armed themselves with shot-guns and revolvers and secreted themselves outside the house, when the crowd appeared, and fired into them, killing John Timberlake, William Wiseman, Edward Houston and Isaac Wiseman. Ed Conrad was fatally shot. The Conrads escaped. Intense excitement prevails throughout the county. The Conrads have always been regarded as vicious and worthless.

YUMA EXPLORES. One of the Party Returned From the Mouth of the Colorado.

YUMA, Ariz., Aug. 6.—P. G. Thomkins, of Robinson's exploring party, returned from the mouth of the Colorado today. The party had explored the Painted mountains near the gulf, finding much of great interest. They explored part of the label region for the treasures buried by Coronado and others. Robinson, Baker and Anderson left Port Isabel July 29th to explore the gulf coast to Tiburon island and Guaymas, with valuable results. They expect to return to Yuma September 1st.

The Cause of Depression. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The Central Labor union today adopted resolutions declaring that the distress created by the Sherman law is the cause of the business depression and of the distress that threatens the working people and calling on all organized labor to co-operate in agitating for the repeal of the law.

A Severe Storm. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Reports from New England and several places along the coast indicate that a thunder and lightning, rain and wind storm this afternoon was the severest in years, causing great damage. Street car service was entirely suspended for several hours and basements flooded.

BRUTAL BANDITS. Daring Outrage Perpetrated on a Central American Planter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The steamer San Jose arrived from Panama and reports today with advice of a daring attack by bandits upon the person and estate of M. Seleviera, an aged and wealthy planter of San Salvador, living about 60 miles from the capital, and the subsequent capture and summary execution of 17 of the brigands. The outlaws, 150 in number, descended on Seleviera's plantation about the middle of June. They broke into the house, brutally treated the planter, assaulted his wife and household, terrified several hundred native workmen, secured \$25,000 in cash and various jewels and other booty and escaped to the mountains. The government was immediately notified and dispatched soldiers after the outlaws. By July 15th seventeen had been captured and shot and the pursuit was still in progress.

Seleviera and his two nephews arrived here on the San Jose.

ALMOST LYONED. Popular Fryer Against an Inhuman Father in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 6.—Joseph Kidd narrowly escaped lynching this afternoon. His frequent brutal treatment of his children had incensed the neighbors, and the report this afternoon that a boy was hanging by the thumbs in the stable brought a howling mob of nearly 500 people to the scene. A rope was thrown over a convenient post near the house, but the police, with drawn revolvers, held the mob at bay. The officers arrested Kidd and marched him to the police station with drawn revolvers still in hand.

Fire at Huron. HURON, Cal., Aug. 6.—The store of Kutner, Goldstein & Co. was totally destroyed at noon today by fire. A heavy explosion occurred five minutes after a clerk left for lunch, blowing off the roof and sides of the building. A team and wagon 10 feet from the store were burned. Loss, \$10,000 to \$12,000; insured.

A Tragedy in the Tehachapi. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Aug. 6.—John Collins, better known as "Booby," shot and killed a young man named Guy White, at about 4 o'clock this morning, near Cameron station, Tehachapi mountains. No reason is given for the shooting. Two officers have gone to the scene.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. ITS MARVELOUS GROWTH. THERE IS A REASON FOR IT. "The last spoonful is as good as the first." These cheering words come from all parts of the world. The reason Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder does better and finer work and retains its uniform strength until the last atom is used, while other brands deteriorate, often becoming caked and useless, is by reason of our refining our own Cream of Tartar and eliminating all impurities and so accurately combining all the ingredients used in exact scientific proportions. Dr. Price's is peculiarly adapted for export, as neither long sea voyages nor climatic changes affect it. Will keep fresh and sweet for years.

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