

Going to Bullfrog and Godfield From the South

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The Southern aunt's advice about cooking a rabbit is to "rust ketch de rabbit." In regard to the Nevada gold country, "rust git there."

Getting there is a perplexing problem. The writer spent nearly a week trying to find some one in Los Angeles who knew how to make the trip to Bullfrog. One man who knew the stage as far as Manse; he didn't know what you did then; as Manse is about half way after you leave the railroad and in the middle of the Nevada desert, this information was kind but not calculated to help much. A man at a miners' supply house said he bet he could find out, but he must have lost the bet; he never found out. In the end, the writer had to start out relying on a kind Providence.

The fact is, going into the gold fields is as simple and nearly as easy as going to San Francisco. It is well to be provided with certain things, however. One needs considerable money, for one thing.

The balance of the outfit can cost a great deal or a very little, as you please. I went in with a city man who was armed like the hero of a melodrama. He had a costly bowie knife and an enormous revolver; he had more patent equipment than would be necessary to go through the wilds of Africa.

There is no need of a pistol; a knife for camp cooking is good, but a cheaper one than a tempered bowie would do as well.

One needs a good warm pair of blankets, which will cost \$5 or \$6. Any one who has camped out much in the open knows that it matters not so much what you have on top of your camp bed as what is underneath it. It is good to take a small camp mattress.

The greatest scheme I saw in the whole desert was that of an old Colorado prospector. He had a very large piece of canvas—about eighteen feet long and seven feet broad. At night he placed his camp mattress at one end of this and doubled the bottom end over him; the sides he folded over and pinned together over the top with a horse blanket pin. This made a sleeping bag without the fault of the made-up sleeping bag—lack of ventilation.

Be sure and do your blankets up in this canvas roll neatly and in a workmanlike manner; nothing yells "fenderfoot" as loudly as a sloppily-folded bag of ungainly size. Get a heavy pair of surveyor's boots, in which you tuck your corduroy trousers. A flannel shirt and broad felt hat are the things you will need to complete the outfit. A khaki coat is inexpensive and it is both light in weight and warm.

You can do without any of these except the boots and the blankets; the country up there is rough on shoes.

There has been an automobile line put on at Las Vegas now, which will whiz you through at a great rate, but the most interesting way is to go by way of Ivanpah by the old-fashioned stage.

One leaves Los Angeles on Tuesday on the Santa Fe, the train starting at 8 o'clock in the evening. About the cheapest way is to buy a thousand mile ticket. It will be necessary also to get a berth on the sleeper from Los Angeles to Blake, as you are out for one night before arriving at Blake, where you change cars.

You have breakfast at Blake, which costs 50 cents. Your thousand mile ticket will get you on the branch line from Blake to Ivanpah.

If you have plenty of time you can leave the train at Manvel, where the long haul and ten mile freighters come in for supplies. You can get passage with these without difficulty for a comparatively small sum, say \$10.

Most people who go by freighter or who wish to go in afoot, go by way of Las Vegas, however. This is on the Salt Lake road, and until the line is entirely open for traffic, it is necessary to travel on construction trains, an excruciating method, costing 6 cents a mile. When the Clark road is through that will probably be the gateway to the Bullfrog.

Passage can be secured at Las Vegas on a freighter for \$10. One rides on top of the freight in a slow mule wagon or walks alongside, boarding with the "skinner" at the camp fires. Poor fare. It takes about a week to make the journey from Las Vegas and twelve days from Manvel.

If you are going in by stage, you arrive at Ivanpah early in the afternoon and have lunch at a tent restaurant kept by a Chinaman; the meal is passable and costs 50 cents.

You board the first stage here; it is a two-horse affair and holds four passengers, three sitting in the back seat with reasonable comfort. The fare is \$5, collected in advance.

You travel all day through a most interesting country, along the line of the old forty-finer trail into Southern California. You arrive in time for dinner at Good Springs, where you get a very good meal for the inevitable 50 cents.

Along this road, should you be coming through with burros, you will find plenty of water. It is possible, if you are not in a hurry, to drive your burros to Bullfrog from Los Angeles. Drive from this city to San Bernardino and then out across to Daguerf; at Daguerf you get the old stage trail.

You will find water at points all along the line of the Salt Lake road, more at Ivanpah, and at Beach's camp, the foot of State line pass, ten or fifteen miles out of Ivanpah; more at Murphy's well, a few miles farther on, and then a stretch of three hours in which you get to Good Springs in the mountains, where there is a town.

Horse feed is here obtained at these places if it is not carried. Hay is \$10 a ton through here, constantly increasing in price until it gets to \$100 at Bullfrog. Horse feed costs \$1 a head near Bullfrog, and less than that as you come south; take feed at all events, if you are in a hurry.

The stage changes horses at Beach's and at Good Springs and again at Sandy, over a high mountain pass and a plunge down the hollow from Good Springs. The road is now being leveled at the expense of the mine owners about Good Springs to make the trip to Sandy comparatively easy.

At Sandy, which is the outlet to a good mining region, you will get more water; it is about nine miles from Good Springs; the road falls away 1800 feet in that nine miles.

If you travel by stage your troubles begin at Sandy; you have to travel all night long, bumping and being jostled about in the dirt for five hours. The road is pretty hard for that, and teaming it is even over what they call a "washboard country."

The stump springs give good water between Sandy and Manse, which is something over thirty miles.

Manse is the postoffice name of White's ranch. It is one of the best places of the desert. Stage passengers wait there a day and a night, the fare is excellent, the rates being the regular desert rate of 75 cents a meal and a dollar for a room. The accommodations are admirable. One can lay in new supplies here of fresh meat, hay, etc.

Leaving there, the water conditions are good for a long distance. Through the Pah-rump valley, there are springs in abundance.

It is absolutely imperative that you have barrels in which to carry water for your stock from here on to Bullfrog; even the stage has to take on barrels here. One changes stages here usually. The balance of the trip is made in a big four-horse stage that runs in from Las Vegas. The stage fare, I neglected to say, is \$20 from Manse to Bullfrog, not including meals. From Las Vegas the whole trip is made for \$25.

The trip from Ash Meadows to Bullfrog is a fight. For over thirty miles, some call it forty, there is not a drop of water and the road is dreadful. For ten miles it goes through heavy thick sand where a mule an hour is exceedingly good time.

By freighter you should be prepared to make camp at one of the wells they are striking (and where they are not finding any water). By stage you make it through to Bullfrog in one day.

The freighters should make two camps going through this strip in order to be easy on the stock. The last camp should be made about ten miles out from Bullfrog.

By wagon, if you have come that way, you will get into Bullfrog about 11 o'clock the morning of the third day of the trip. This later is absolutely a horror, but it's the only bad place and you get it either by way of Las Vegas or Ivanpah.

After you get to Bullfrog the fare is pretty expensive to stay long; costs about 25 cents a meal.

But this is where your blankets come in. Whether you teamed in or staged in, it's the same. You can take your blankets out into the sage brush and sleep in perfect comfort. That will save you a dollar and a half a day—rather, a night.

You will have needed your blankets, however, even though you have come by stage. There are no adequate provisions for sleeping at Ash Meadows, only as the accommodating stage hostler in charge of the relay horses shares his bed with the weary travelers. There is a special tent for women travelers.

There is another way of traveling I have not mentioned. Going in by burro. The burro market is a queer one. Sometimes burros will bring \$75 apiece in Bullfrog, and the next week will sell for \$15. Relying on selling out

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Two Riverside men whom I met were able to buy an entire outfit of leather pants, pack saddles, a burro and a jacket for \$75. They made the trip in six days from Las Vegas, but arrived tired out. They were at practically no expense feeding the burros, which live off the sage brush; about Bullfrog they simply turned them loose.

Not counting the 100 mile ticket and the outfit, the cost of the trip to Bullfrog by stage is about \$40. By freighter it is vastly less—the exact amount depending upon your bargain.

Another of the many railroad projects now being announced having for their object the opening of the great mineral section of southwestern Nevada, is that of the Southern Pacific to build an independent line into Tonopah by way of Austin, taking over the Nevada Central line now in operation between Austin and Battle Mountain, the latter place on the main line of the Southern Pacific.

If the deal is carried through it means the rejuvenation of the old town of Austin and the opening up of a through route from Reno and then on would be saved.

In fact, freight is now being shipped from Austin, and from reports received the old town is livelier now than for fifteen years past. The Tonopah Mercantile company at Austin has contracted with the railroad to deliver 200 tons of freight per month at Austin for the teamsters, the price for hauling being \$30 per ton each way. On the return trip the teams agree to haul ore to be delivered to the railroad. About sixteen eight and twenty-horse teams are now engaged in this work and as the demand increases the number of teams will increase in proportion.

The Southern Pacific company is reported to have an option on the Nevada Central railroad from Battle Mountain to Austin. It is understood that the Harriman interests have been at work taking an inventory of the stock of the old railroad that runs from Battle Mountain to Austin, and that within the next few weeks the transfer will be made.

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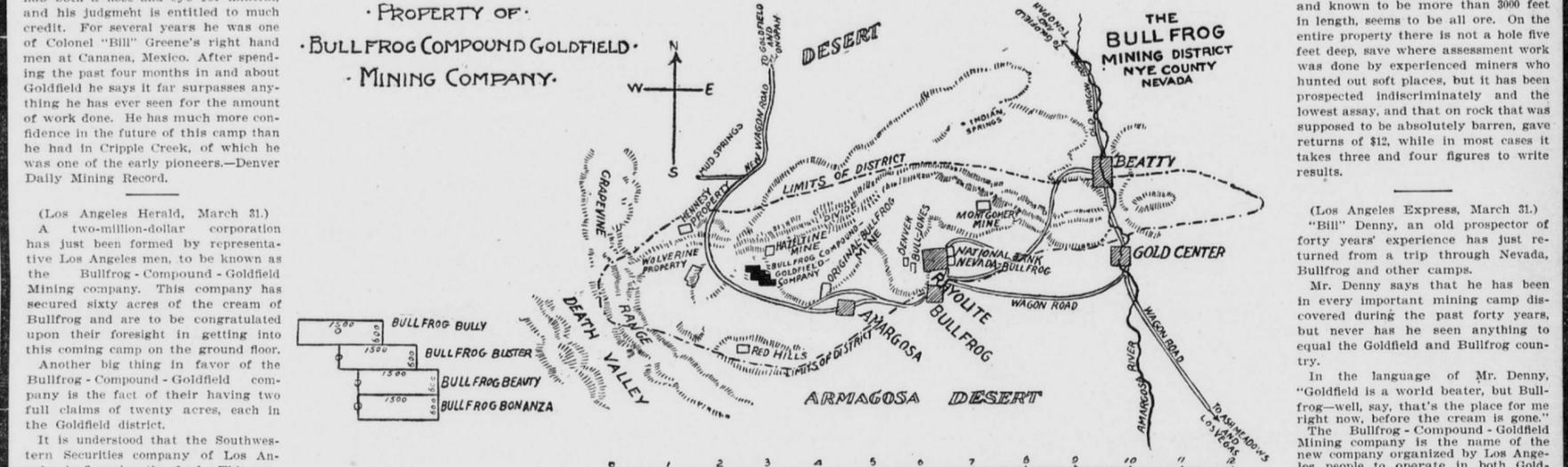
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| \$25.00 will buy | 1,000 shares, par value | \$1,000 |
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| \$50.00 will buy | 2,000 shares, par value | \$2,000 |
| \$75.00 will buy | 3,000 shares, par value | \$3,000 |
| \$100.00 will buy | 4,000 shares, par value | \$4,000 |
| \$200.00 will buy | 8,000 shares, par value | \$8,000 |
| \$250.00 will buy | 10,000 shares, par value | \$10,000 |
| \$300.00 will buy | 12,000 shares, par value | \$12,000 |
| \$350.00 will buy | 14,000 shares, par value | \$14,000 |
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Moral: Buy Bullfrog-Compound-Goldfield shares at 2½ cents and make big money.

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