

MINING NEWS IN GREAT WEST THE BIG GIANTS USED IN TRINITY MINES

Los Angeles Mining Men Interested in Big Strike Near Blake—Railroads Racing to Goldfield and Tonopah

The placer mines of Trinity county were discovered by Major Pearson B. Reading, who had a grant to the land from the Mexican government, says Mary Edith Griswold, in Sunset Magazine for March. But the big migration did not begin until 1851, when a man named Weaver, struck rich diggings in what afterwards became known as Weaver basin. In that year the pan and rocker were supplanted by the "long tom," which consisted of the sluice box, and the fallings went into an iron caldron full of holes.

During the next three years diverse and sundry characters came into the method. The claims were so rich that claims which paid only fifty dollars a day were abandoned for better ones. In 1852 some ditches were dug and some small sluice boxes, ten or twenty feet wide, were built. The earth was shoveled into the boxes and the water running through carried the gold in a box containing riffles.

In 1853 sluicing began. The dirt was hauled with a pack and water carried to it in boxes. This was called groundsluicing. Hydraulic power was first used in 1854. A canvas hose with an inch nozzle constituted the first hydraulic appliance, but it was not until the early 60's that the water was piped ahead of the monitor, and every miner got a giant. The pattern of this nozzle has been greatly changed since then, but the name has stuck, and they are all called giants to this day.

A table prepared for the use of hydraulic miners and others using water for power or other purposes gives the following data: A rectangular flume, three feet wide, running 18 inches deep, will have velocities and capacities as follows: Grade one foot per second; quantity of water per minute, 702 cubic feet. Grade one-fourth inch per rod; velocity, 3.7 feet per second; capacity, 999 cubic feet per minute. Grade one-half inch per rod; velocity, 5.2 feet per second; capacity, 1421 cubic feet per minute. Ditches and flumes should not be run more than three-fourths to seven-eighths full.

The Transvaal's Gold The Mining Journal of London prints official figures of the gold output of the Transvaal for the year ending in 1905. For the Rand proper, the production was 4,677,433 ounces worth \$1,991,664; outside mines, 190,788 ounces worth \$210,416, a total of 4,872,221 ounces worth \$2,202,080.

The analysis of November production received from the secretary of the Transvaal chamber of mines, Johannesburg, South Africa, shows the following: Total of one million ounces, 1,012,825; total value, \$24,577,000; average value per ounce, 24s. 6d.; stamps in operation, 7355; mill returns, \$1,125,485; concentrates, \$2,801,787; sands, \$4,875,585; silicates, \$2,101,782; banks, etc., \$558,400. The completion of the production of the state of Colorado for 1905 to the close of 1904, tabulated by counts, shows a total of \$1,082,468,532. The two largest producers were Lake county (Leadville), \$325,945,127, and Cripple Creek, \$139,360,161.

Los Angeles mining men and capitalists are considerably worked up over the recent strike at Blake, near Needles. The strike is two miles from Con-trigger springs, north of Blake, and was made by J. F. Musselman, T. H. Rosenberger and C. D. Lasserre. The men who made the strike kept everything dark since the time of the discovery, February 26, but a few days ago the news of the good thing leaked out and there is now a grand rush on to the district.

There has not been much work done on the original property but sufficient developments have been made to uncover a strong ledge and a great part of the ore is exceedingly rich. It is said the men who have made the strike have offered the property for sale at good figures and there are several prospective deals in sight. In the meantime the wild country is being staked out and prospected.

Railroads to Goldfield Beatty Miner: J. Ross Clark, accompanied by Superintendent T. B. Coulter of the Salt Lake railroad, F. M. Grace, superintendent of the new line, and Walter R. Bracken of Las Vegas, passed over the new Las Vegas & Tonopah railroad Monday in the first coach to within two miles of Indian Creek, and arrangements are being made to deliver freight at the old Latimer ranch. A Y and station will be put in at Indian Creek immediately. Telegraph poles are scattered along the new line and a gang is at work stringing the wires closely upon the heels of the delivery men at the old Latimer ranch. A Y and station will be put in at Indian Creek immediately. Telegraph poles are scattered along the new line and a gang is at work stringing the wires closely upon the heels of the delivery men at the old Latimer ranch.

Ancient Cache of Gold Fifty-four pounds of gold, livestock weight, is the amount of the treasure trove located by Thomas O'Brien on the Alama river near Brawley. The yellow metal had been melted in a crucible or camp kettle in chunks carrying from twenty-four pounds to unimportant pieces worth only a few hundred dollars. The treasure had evidently been cached a long time ago, and the caving banks of the Alama brought it to the surface on the edge of the water. How it came to be left on the desert is a matter of conjecture. Probably some child of misfortune after finding a rich mine on the east slope of the mountains west of Brawley started for Yuma and running out of water bur-

led his gold on the river bank and afterward perished. The San Diego Union suggests that the matter of chief interest to everybody except Mr. O'Brien is the particular spot in the mountain range from which the gold came. Old miners believe that somewhere in the mountains west of Imperial is located a mine of wonderful richness. There are well authenticated stories of rich finds. An Indian squaw once, in a dead end of the desert, found a railway station north of Imperial with a bag of nuggets, but she either could not or would not tell where they came from. She must have found them on the northwestern rim of the desert.

There is a story current that an Indian employed on the ranch of Governor Downey, which has since been known as Warner's, used to steal away from the ranch outfitted for a trip of considerable length, and on his return would bring into a place of gold. It was known that he used to enter the desert by way of San Felipe canyon which is located very nearly west of Brawley. The Indian was killed in Anaheim, and when Governor Downey questioned the man who told him nothing except that the last water was at a spring near the mouth of San Felipe creek.

Came to Los Angeles Again about 1875, a prospector in making his way from Arizona to California, wandered far from his way and was lost on the desert. After he had traveled about for two days he saw hills and made his way to the foot of them. In search of water to quench his terrible thirst, he entered a little canyon and made his way through it to the very top of one of the little buttes. Here he found a number of black nuggets and believed that they were gold, but water was more precious than gold at that time and he descended to the desert again and finally crawled to the foot of a mountain where he found a little spring of life-giving water.

As soon as he was able to travel, this man came to Los Angeles to organize a company to go with him back to the desert, but the hardships he had undergone had been too much for him and he was going to die he confided to Dr. de Courcy, his physician, the particulars of his discovery and placed in his hands two thousand dollars' worth of gold nuggets, which were in the distance some ten or twelve miles from the top of the little butte.

After the death of the miner, Dr. de Courcy spent some time on the desert attempting to locate the vast treasure, but he did not succeed, and finally gave up the search. Feasibility at least is lent to all these rumors by Mr. O'Brien's find. No mill has ever been in operation on the east side of the desert range, and the shape of the metal indicates that it was melted in a camp kettle, and if the gold had been found near the top of the mountains the miner would naturally have struck for the coast rather than for Yuma. If the mine was located in the Supersition range, as seems likely, it is doubtless covered by shifting sands.

IMPORTANT CASE DECIDED

Riverside Hears Decision in Litigation Involving Street and Sewer Assessments

RIVERSIDE, March 18.—Judge Monroe of Los Angeles, sitting for Judge Noyes, announced orally his decision yesterday in the case of Tibbet vs. McCormick & Ormand.

This was an important action from the fact that if plaintiff's contention had been sustained all street and sewer work done here under the Yreaman act would have been illegal and the contractor would have been unable to collect for the work. Judge Monroe ruled that the assessment was invalid from the fact that the map did not show flutshanks which were charged for. This phase of the case was not touched upon by the court's ruling the contractors can make a new assessment and collect the entire bill. The assessment is declared legal in all other respects.

From bellhop to hotel manager is the career which has been experienced by Byron Hester, for a couple of years a "bellhop" at the Glenwood hotel. His mother has purchased the Mason house in San Francisco and has written to Byron to come north and take charge of the hotel. His associates in the hotel gave him an enthusiastic send-off.

E. P. Clarke, president of the Riverside chamber of commerce, is in receipt of a letter from General Manager Wells of the Santa Fe relative to better train service on the San Jacinto and Elsinore branches. Mr. Wells said that one or two additional trains would be put on and the service improved generally. One train to San Jacinto will be run direct from Los Angeles. The improved service begins this week.

The rain for the six days' storm was 4.67 inches. This is a total of 9.89 inches for the season. The city trustees will appoint a building inspector tomorrow. The candidates for the position are H. A. Puls, Karl Carlton and C. H. Vossburgh.

D. R. McClure has bought of R. McKelvey seventy-eight acres of alfalfa land and the McKelvey home on Magnolia avenue.

H. J. Horn, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, accompanied by Mrs. Horn and party, are here in their private car.

VENICE LIONS MAKE BREAK

Escape from Midway Animal Show, but Are Recaptured—Precautions Against Recurrence

VENICE, March 18.—It became known that two ferocious lions were narrowly prevented from escaping from the Midway animal show last evening and that as a precaution against a recurrence of the scene which followed in bringing to bay and penning up the enraged beasts, a new fence and a new installation of automatically working locks will give place to the present arrangement. The lions which caused the trouble are known as Sultana and Juliet and are the largest and most valued animals in the animal exhibit. As is the custom of J. Canham, one of the trainers, had released the lions preparatory to leading them to the stage for exhibition purposes and by what appears to be a carefully laid plot on the part of the animals they made an automatic break for liberty, running to the back of the enclosure and without hesitation springing bodily against and breaking through a stout board door, and bringing up in a loosely boarded enclosure, where they were captured with considerable difficulty.

Had the animals been afforded their liberty for a few minutes after their break for freedom, it is said that they would have forced an exit through the fence and that their capture might have occupied weeks and would have resulted seriously otherwise. Miss Louise Bennett won first prize in the woman's bowling tournament, concluded on the local alleys. Miss E. Kubel and Mrs. Moores tied for second honors.

INCORPORATION OR ANNEAL PASADENA SUBURB UNDECEIDED ON COURSE

Leading Altadena Citizens Still Oppose Merging Into Crown City and Seek Another Way of Present Relief

Pasadena Agency, 11 North Raymond Avenue, Telephone Main 1147.

PASADENA, March 18.—The Altadena Improvement association will meet tomorrow evening at La Mariposa hotel with much important business scheduled for consideration. Foremost on the list will be the matter of annexation to Pasadena or, failing that, immediate incorporation of the village. Prominent citizens of the little foothill city do not admit the probability of any serious movement just now looking to annexation and say that most of the agitation for annexation has been from without and not from within. Altadena has not suffered this year in the matter of storm water ravages as it did last year and these citizens say that with better graded streets, paved gutters and straighter drainage channels, the problem is solved itself. Incorporation is looked upon as a certain panacea for the few ills these citizens admit the little village has. Some are suggesting that a park located to the east of the cemetery would put a stop to the threatening extension of the city in that direction and that incorporation must precede this step. Certain it is that from present indications tomorrow night's meeting will be one of the most important of the year.

Speaks on Missions Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, superintendent of Methodist missions in the Philippine islands, was a speaker at the First Methodist Episcopal church this morning and the announcement of his coming attracted a crowd which taxed the capacity of the church. Dr. Stuntz unhesitatingly launched into a defense of United States occupation of the islands and told in rapid-fire fashion the work of the Methodist church by which since the taking over of the islands by the United States, 35,000 members have been added to that denomination. He expressed his approval of the action of Governor Wood in the recent campaign against the Moros and apparently necessary under the circumstances. He spoke of the awakening of Asiatic peoples at the present time as a most encouraging sign. Dr. Stuntz is in this country for the purpose of raising a million-dollar fund in aid of the American government of the islands. Dr. Stuntz bitterly opposed its attitude toward the saloon question, toward the sale of opium, the excessive taxation and other administrative problems. The Methodist Episcopal church, he said, is in the midst of an endeavor to establish on the islands for the thousands of native students who are coming up through the schools established and conducted by the government while the Moros are in the hands of the American government of the islands. Dr. Stuntz bitterly opposed its attitude toward the saloon question, toward the sale of opium, the excessive taxation and other administrative problems.

A Home for the Lieutenant? Between the handsome residences of Robert J. Burdette and Benjamin Blosser on South Orange Grove avenue stands a cottage for two hundred and kept grounds, a place which has been noticed by everyone who has passed down the millionaires' drive because of its shabby appearance and general air of being out of place beside its wealthy, well kept neighbors. The property is said to have been the estate of a lieutenant of the adjoining estate of Sunnyside. The owner now lives somewhere in the east and little attention is paid to the building or to the grounds around it. It is rumored that Adolphus Busch, the millionaire brewer, whose palatial mansion lies on the corner of the property, has been endeavoring to purchase this place, for so long a time an eyesore to the neighborhood, intending to turn it into a suitable home for his newly made son-in-law, Lieut. Scharer. Rumor even says that the purchase has been made and that the wish may be the father of the thought again. The ear of the millionaire brewer could not be secured this evening to affirm or deny the truth of the rumor, but Attorney Lockwood, who is known to represent Mr. Busch in connection with the transaction, vigorously denied that his client had ever cast longing eyes upon the property in question, let alone sought to purchase it. The rumor is given for what it is worth, however.

DISCREDITED STORY

Constable Harley Newell spent some time this afternoon at Lamanda Park in investigating the story that a resident of that place was drowned in a wash during the heavy rainstorm of Thursday night. He concluded that the story is color to the story and states that in his opinion the whole affair is a fabrication. On Friday night an employee of the Pacific Electric brought a similar story into the city. He told how a Mexican whose name could not be recalled had fallen from a tower and would have been drowned had not a young lad of the name of Schafer bravely swam to his rescue. The news could not be verified by inquiry among citizens of Lamanda Park and vicinity and was dropped as a good natured fabrication. The incident, however, may have developed from this. Citizens remember how about two years ago some wag cunningly circulated a rumor to the effect that a Lamanda Park minister of the gospel had been shot—a rumor which caused much excitement until it was proven to be false. About the only truth to the latest rumor seems to be that during the recent storm enough water did pass through the wash in question to drown any hapless individual who should fall into it.

SOCIETY INVESTIGATES DAIRY

J. A. Ball, proprietor of the Peoples' Dairy, is in trouble again with the Humane society. Officer Sherwin has been investigating this afternoon of numerous complaints as to the condition of the horses the dairyman is using, with the result that at least two of the animals will be condemned tomorrow. Ball will not be arrested until it develops that he has been cruel to the horses under his care. A year ago Ball was running an express wagon when the Humane society representative took a horse from him and then out of sympathy for his horse and gave him another animal. It is stated that the two animals attached to his dairy wagon this afternoon are entirely unfit and that their continued use would be cruel in the extreme.

CROWN CITY NOTES

The funeral of the late Prof. Edward F. Kubel, who died last night at his home in South Pasadena, will be held

at the beautiful Church of the Angels, north of Garvanza, Tuesday, at 10 a. m. Former residents of New Jersey will meet at the office of Yearian & Davis tomorrow evening for the purpose of completing an organization for social purposes. Several prominent citizens of the Jersey state will be present. Prof. George E. Hale of the Carnegie Hall observatory at Mount Wilson, gave an interesting address last night at a meeting of the Velley Hunt club. He spoke of the coming difficulty of transporting the new lenses to the summit of the mountain, but did not tell how the work is to be done. The fire department responded at 5:30 this afternoon to a call from No. 249 Marengo place. The fire proved to be confined to the chimney and needed only care to prevent its spreading to the roof. None of the fire fighting apparatus was used and the loss to the house is merely nominal.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP WEIGHTS ANNOUNCED

ENTRIES NUMBER 69—SYSONBY TOP WEIGHT Hermis Is Next with 126 Pounds. Race King This Year Carries Only 99 Pounds—Guiding Star at 93 Pounds

NEW YORK, March 18.—Weights for the Metropolitan handicap, to be run the opening day of the first spring meeting of the Western Racing association at Belmont park, May 10, were announced tonight. The entries number sixty-nine and include practically all of the horses entered in the other big spring handicaps. James H. Keene's Sysonby is top weight with 131 pounds, and E. R. Thomas' Hermis has second place with 126. Ort Welles is next with 125. Then follow Delhi, 124, Stalwart and Artful 123 each, Hamburg Belle 122, Rosen 121, Harry P. Whitney's Hamburg colt Burgmaster, heads the three-year-old list with 106 pounds. The Crescent City derby winner of yesterday, Guiding Star, is thrown into the Metropolitan with 93 pounds.

OCEAN PARK HAS BAD DAY

Sand Covers the Tracks of the Los Angeles Pacific Railroad

OCEAN PARK, March 18.—A strong sand-laden wind which intermittently swept the city today made conditions for business or pleasure decidedly unfavorable and merchants who after one sick week of bad weather had looked forward to a bright day were forced to watch the almost simultaneous arrival and departure of car after car of visitors who did little more than give the city a passing glance, although under other conditions might have been expected to spend the day here. Along the ocean front the sand was blown in drifts against the sides of cottages and in places the board walk was lost sight of. The tracks along the Playa del Rey division of the L. A. P. electric line were alternately covered or swept clean of sand by the force of the wind, which in that section has a clean sweep.

NINE-LIVED CAT BEATEN

Georgia Woman Tells How She Was Beaten to Death Yet Still Survives

ATLANTA, March 18.—Emma Byron, according to the story she told to the recorder yesterday afternoon, can discount any nine-lived cat. Emma, who lives at 194 White street, a Darktown aristocratic quarter of the city, and she swears "de white folks' clocs fer er libbin'." Among Emma Byron's friends was a colored dude who owed the high-sounding title of Albert DuFree. One evening DuFree tanked up on split-skull and tanglefoot liquor and when he presented himself at the residence of Emma Byron he was on a wild jag. He got into a row with her and wouldn't sit and converse with him. A row started, which is best told in Emma's own words, which she used in relating to the recorder how hard she was to kill: "Mister DuFree," she said, "summed ter mer house an' he wuz ez drunk ez a billed owl, Jedge Briles. Bekase I nebber set down an' hol' er corner-sashun wid him he jumped up and kicked me bucket of hot chaw and offered to kick porch. When I picked up he kicked me off de porch and flinged de bucket ob charcoal atter me. Den he beat me ober de head wid de bucket; den he broke two chairs ober me; den he beat me; den he stane head wid slat to hit broke; den he knocked me down and beat me wid amudder slat tell I wuz dead. Some friends ob mine laid me out and rubbed me wid camphor tell I cummed back ter life. Albert DuFree denied the whole story, but it was corroborated by two other witnesses. The recorder fined him \$25 and bound him over for assault and battery.

SANTA MONICA PUBLICITY

Committee of Sixteen Will Be Named by Beach City on Wednesday Night

SANTA MONICA, March 18.—The publicity committee of sixteen or who were provisionally named by the local board of trade at its meeting is to be appointed at a general assembly at the Ocean Park casino next Wednesday evening and will be representative of the entire bay section.

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ANNIVERSARY OF MISSION

Riverside Celebrates at Congregational Church—Elsinore Secures Promise of New Hotel

RIVERSIDE, March 18.—The anniversary of the establishment of the Japanese mission in Riverside was celebrated tonight with interesting exercises in the First Congregational church. Dr. Pond, who has had charge of Japanese and Chinese work on this coast for the past thirty years, had charge of the service.

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PARKHURST FLAYS MORO MASSACRE

DIVINE ROASTS ROOSEVELT AND WOOD. Says Achievement No More Brilliant Feat of Arms Than the Smoking of Rats Out of a Hole

NEW YORK, March 18.—In his sermon on the relation of the so-called Christian nations to the pagans, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst referred today to the recent killing of Moros, as President Roosevelt's congratulatory dispatch to Gen. Wood. "Consider," he said, "the easy and self-satisfied way in which we regard the moving down of the savage and semi-savage in the Philippine islands when they stand in the way of the national purpose of which, after eight years of 'benevolent assimilation,' we have just had a most startling and heart-rending example in the bombardment to death of six hundred men, women and children, collected in a crater in the Moro islands. "There are two things to be said about the jubilant congratulation sent by the chief executive to Gen. Wood, which is in reference to the designation of the performance as a brilliant feat of arms. Basing our estimate on the report made by Gen. Wood, it was no more a brilliant feat of arms than smoking bees out of a hive or rats out of a hole. "But a far sadder feature of the executive communication to Gen. Wood is that it contained not one word of sympathy, not one word of tender distress for the indiscriminate slaughter perpetrated in honor of the American flag. "We have been taught to believe and we like to believe that the president has a great heart. "And so I prefer to think of that presence, practically of mangled men, torn women, armless and headless children—I prefer to think of it not as being the expression of the man Roosevelt, but of the resident Roosevelt, whom all of us know as the heartlessness and the greed of uneducated nationality is functionally represented. I want to find a way out for Roosevelt, for the performance on Jolo island has a ghastly look and the cablegram matched it. "With the exception of the maintenance in the south of negro slavery there has been, I should say, nothing sadder in our history, than the national attitude in which we today stand as toward the brown people of the Philippine islands."

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SALT LAKE TO BUILD SHIPS WILL OPERATE A LINE TO THE ORIENT SOON

Colonel R. C. Kerens of St. Louis Tells of Plans, with San Pedro as Shipping Point—No Longer Guesswork

"We will build our own ships," said R. C. Kerens of St. Louis, who is largely interested in the Salt Lake road and is a prominent political factor in the Mississippi valley, at the Alexandria last night, "and will have one of the finest lines of steamers on the ocean for service between San Pedro and the Orient, connecting with the Salt Lake road. "I cannot say just when this line will be put into operation but there is no longer any guess work for it is a sure proposition. Senator Clark is a very busy man but is equally determined. When he has time to attend to it the building of these ships will be begun. Plans are now taking shape and before many months the ships will be coming and going from San Pedro. "The people certainly ought to be complimented upon the harbor that has been made here. I understand that the United States government during the storm the other day and that two hundred ships were sheltered there."

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"St. Louis is booming," replied Mr. Kerens when asked about it. "We call it the million city for it now has that many inhabitants. I think that the Republicans will retain the advantage they have gained there. Of course they are on probation and will have to show what they can do. That is my party and I think that its principles are the best on earth. "St. Louis is prosperous and in fact the whole country is prospering. "But this country takes the cake. It is the cream of the whole universe. I used to live in San Diego and I long ago formed the opinion that there was no place on earth like Southern California. "Twice a year I come here and I always find the same delightful climate. What a relief it is after passing through the blizzards that we did on the way out here. I am quite enthusiastic over the business enterprise here."

Mr. Kerens arrived in his private car last night and said that his trip is merely for a little pleasure vacation. With him is Mrs. Kerens and their daughter, Mrs. Glennon, Maj. J. L. Bittinger, ex-consul to Montreal, and Miss Barney. Archbishop Glennon is the youngest archbishop in America and has the largest diocese at St. Louis. He is one of the coming young men of the Catholic church. In a few weeks he will go to New York city to deliver a lecture at Carnegie hall. Major J. L. Bittinger is a veteran editor and for fifty years has been connected with newspaper work in St. Joseph, Mo. He is well known by the older men in the newspaper world. The party will remain in Los Angeles for about ten days.

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