

RHYOLITE HOMES VARY IN SIZE

Dwellings Built in a Few Hours Ready for Use—Tents and Shacks Abound in the Mining Camp

Every man's home is his castle and in Rhyolite this holds good, no matter whether its walls be of canvas, rough or dressed lumber or more pretentious stone.

Many business men have beautiful bungalow homes, but the majority of the population live in miniature houses that are a wonder to the "tenderfoot" by reason of the many conveniences they possess. It does not require a long, anxious time to complete a house in the town provided one can purchase the lumber. It's up to the carpenter to have the house ready for dinner, provided the lumber has been laid on the ground at 8 a. m. It cannot be had before that hour, for the union is strict upon the observance of the eight-hour law. As yet most of the houses are fresh and unpainted, but the interiors are nicely lined and papered and iron beds with snowy linen can be seen through every open doorway. That is if there is a woman in the home. If it be the home of a "bachelor" the door is kept closed, for the reason that the average man is a very indifferent housekeeper and his manner of propping his domestic conveniences are crude in the extreme.

Tents and Shacks

Tents and a few shacks are scattered all over the town. People walk in "the middle of the road" because the townspeople have been too busy providing other conveniences to make sidewalks. Most of the houses are built flush with where the sidewalk will be, for what's the use of a front yard when a lawn is out of the question? After a short time the little houses will be moved to the back of the lots, more pretentious houses will take their place and then with more and cheaper water will come the cultivation of lawns and flower gardens. The soil in the vale only needs to be tilled, seeded and watered and it will produce almost anything indigenous to the climate. At present flowers consist of what may be seen upon the bonnets of the women and the grass comes in bales at so much per to feed the horses and mules of the camp. Burros eat a sage brush and after all, be it remembered, "home is where the heart is," and the people of Rhyolite surely have happy homes, for they are the best hearted people that ever tempted fate in seeding the desert wilds, in building homes where for a long time it was supposed no human being would ever be able to exist.

Cut Stone Edifices

The first-built business houses are giving place to handsome cut stone edifices that bear a very metropolitan air and the stone of which they are constructed would, if crushed, "pan" gold values of \$4 per ton. Talk about walls of gold, the people of Rhyolite will not be compelled to go into the spirit state to "walk the golden streets," for they tread "pay dirt" every day.

The first printing press was set up at Copenhagen in 1493.

JACK DAVIS, MAN OF ACTION



Thrilling Career, Teeming with Generous Deeds, Sanguinary Struggles and Final Success—Now in Command of the Diamondfield Mining District

In every mining camp one can meet men who have in times past figured in the limelight by reason of some special exploit in their lives. In Goldfield you will find the secretary of Gen. Cronje of Boer war fame engaged in the pursuit of golden fleece, together with a war correspondent of the London Times who aided in his capture. You will find in one gambling house a man of clerical mien who for years filled a pulpit in a Baptist church, but is now dealing faro; again you will meet a dispenser of liquid refreshments who is a graduate of some college. Lawyers, now miners; members of the nobility of other lands who have engrafted themselves upon the strenuous life of the camp and in the consequent excitement have forgotten their titles and are fast earning new ones by reason of their ability to float big deals in which millions of dollars are invested. Again you will find women who, years ago,

were leaders of society in the cultured east, rubbing elbow with rough looking men, bidding for stocks on the exchange, or engaged in active mining operations; girls that were reared in the lap of luxury, and who, in their early youth, were surrounded with every precaution, are here found in the brokers' offices, and it can be said safer than they would be were they still back in the turmoil of civilization, for here a woman, a good woman, is respected as nowhere else on the old earth's surface.

Men of History

With the cosmopolitan population are numbered hundreds of men who have, in large measure, made the history of the west, Nevada in particular, and one in particular, Jack Davis, better known to the world as "Diamondfield Jack," stands out prominently because of his vast interests in the mines and mining properties of Gold-

field, Diamondfield, Manhattan and Wonder.

The life of Diamondfield Jack is one of romantic adventures, full of the thrills that have led many a boy to whet up the family carving knife, sell old iron, and with the proceeds buy a small muzzle-loading pistol and thus equipped start for the plains to kill and scalp the wild, untamed red man, and do a few other terrifying little stunts, by which to emblazon his name on the pages of fame.

A Soldier of Fortune

Diamondfield Jack is essentially a soldier of fortune, and his exploits have figured prominently in the making of history on two continents. Yet today he is the practical, safe-to-follow mining man of Goldfield, for not one of the vast number of claims located by him has proved a "dead one," but all that have been developed have come through good and strong and have made money not only for the subject of this sketch, but those who allied themselves with him. His title comes to him naturally through his discovery of the Diamondfield district of Goldfield. To describe it is only to say: "Every developed property is paying, and paying big. That is sufficient. It's the man we are writing about and his personality and deeds of daring as well as his discovery of rich mining territory are well worthy of a better pen."

He was born in Virginia, of sturdy stock, but his disposition was not in sympathy with pastoral vales, lowing cattle and the humdrum life of the old civilization, and he eagerly accepted the advice of Horace Greeley—came west to grow up with the country—and during his wanderings has made his impress upon the sections of country upon which he has pitched his tent. His life—who could write it with fidelity to the dramatic details that go to make up a story of truth not rivaled by any work of romantic fiction in which the hair-raising features predominate?

Lived in Texas

We will pass over his early days and discover him on the plains of western Texas "punching" cattle, a master hand in the round-up and a still more dextrous man when it came to handling a gun, no matter of what style or size. He was active in the border wars and as the leader of a band of "rangers" made miserable, or rather, "put out the lights" of a horde of "bad men" that harassed the herds and frequently made a dauntless cowboy bite the dust. In this campaign he cut several notches on the butt of his gun—"lest he forget."

When the strife ceased in Texas he next went to Central America and was there engaged as an active participant in several revolutions—that are everyday occurrences in the life of the people of that part of the world. Indeed it has been said that unless a man in that section could breed two or three revolutions before breakfast he could not hope for recognition among his fellows. When Castro was having all the trouble he was looking for in "getting through" to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic Diamondfield Jack was his chief lieutenant and when all of his other leaders were wounded or too ill to aid him "Jack" was there, to use a term of the day, "with the big mitt," and to his remarkable generalship is attributed Castro's success in the final battle of the war in which he snatched victory from defeat and placed Castro in the chair.

Back to the States

During his journey back to the States he was for some time in Old Mexico, where, in defense of those who appealed

to him for aid in fighting for principles dear to every Virginian, he became engaged in a series of duels that caused the dons to give him a wide berth. Several graves in Mexico in the old world city of Vera Cruz contain the sequel. Not all of his time was devoted to the defense of the weak and oppressed, however, for he took active mining as a life business and there displayed the rare good judgment for which he is noted in locating valuable mining property.

Diamondfield Jack is next found in Idaho, and there developed several big mines of the state. When Tonopah first found a piece on the map Jack Davis was one of those to come to the new Eldorado, but when he found that ambitious prospectors had staked every foot of ground for miles around, whether there was a prospect or not, he wisely concluded that all the gold was not to be found in one spot, so with indomitable grit he pushed on south along the low mountains, crossing the alkali flats and finally reached the present site of the great Jumbo mine. Here he found other prospectors and much excitement due to the discovery of rich ore that has caused the world to marvel, and knowing that it was impossible to locate there he then proceeded north a short distance and found what he was looking for—strong croppings of quartz veins. He sampled the croppings, took them to Tonopah, where St. Simons, now of Rhyolite, assayed them and the result was that "Diamondfield Jack" returned and located the present town of Diamondfield, situated in an ideal location in the very heart of the mining district, and now the Diamondfield section is one that has attracted the attention of the world in general, so rich has its mines proven to be.

Valuable Mines Active

Among the many mines developed upon Mr. Davis' holdings may be mentioned the Daisy, Quartzite (Diamondfield Black Butte Consolidated), Great Bend, Diamondfield Triangle, Spokane, Belmont, Great Bend Annex, Eureka, Skylark, Diamondfield Amethyst and others of lesser note. The Daisy was "located" at 15 cents per share and the stock has sold as high as \$5. The mine could not be purchased today for \$5,000,000. The Quartzite under Mr. Davis' management produced over \$750,000 the first year and is still turning out good ore. The Quartzite was in 1906 consolidated with the Black Butte and is now known as the Diamondfield Black Butte Consolidated Mining company. The Belmont, another Davis company, went to par, \$1,000,000, only a few months after its organization. Diamondfield Triangle is another property that is worth while, and Diamondfield Jack is proud of it. Now a merger of the Diamondfield properties is spoken of, and in the event that the deal is consummated it will rival the recent merger known as the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company. To Diamondfield Jack is due the discovery of the Bullfrog district, for it was he that grubstaked Shorty Harris and directed him into Bullfrog.

Partner of Keen Insight

Before going further it will be well to introduce A. K. Wheeler, now in partnership with Mr. Davis, after a year's acquaintance with Mr. Wheeler Diamondfield Jack decided that he needed his keen insight into legal matters and the benefit of sound business judgment in the development of the great enterprises then pending, and a partnership was formed, the company incorporated and the firm of Davis & Wheeler immediately assumed a prominent place among other engaged in active mining operations as well as in the promotion business.

That Jack was again right is proven by the system adopted in the offices, the taking on of many new properties, the inauguration of more active development work at the different mines; in short the firm is one that possesses all that goes to spell success, for with Diamondfield Jack attending to the field work and Mr. Wheeler in the offices, the affairs of the company move along as smoothly as the most exacting could wish.

The firm of Davis & Wheeler has lately taken on some great property in the Manhattan, Round Mountain and Wonder districts, the Daisy Wonder being over-subscribed 25,000 shares within two weeks after the company was formed.

It is not at all certain that another block of Daisy Wonder will be placed upon the market, as there is sufficient money at hand, it is thought, to develop the property, and it is confidently believed that it will prove equally as great a mine as the Nevada Wonder, its next door neighbor.

Erecting Office Building

The firm is now erecting a three-story stone office building that will be an ornament to the city, while giving to the business the much needed room for the prosecution of the great enterprises in which it is engaged. Space forbids more extended mention of the unique character, Jack Davis, than whom a more generous, warm-hearted man does not live. Hundreds can testify to the kindness, no one can come to him in need and go away empty-handed. He delights in caring for God's unfortunates and many touching stories are told of his care for those upon whom the heavy hand of sorrow has fallen with crushing force, and still today his hand is as quick and his eye just as true when it comes to handling a gun as in the days gone by. He would be just as quick to resent an injury or for fear of arms defend a friend and withal he possesses the heart of a lion. Diamondfield Jack bears the distinction of doing things in the open, and those who have received attention from his trusty 45 have done so while facing it and not when great backs were turned to one of the best all-around men that the west has ever produced. Davis & Wheeler promote mines and not simply promotion schemes, and as they are distinctively on the square their future success, and it is sure to come, will be hailed with pleasure by thousands who have heretofore profited by reason of fortunate investments with this firm.

N. M. SIMONS

To look at St. Simons' genial face one would reasonably suppose that he was one of the class with little to do but enjoy life. He does enjoy life, but has much to do, and does it. Mr. Simons has figured prominently in the development of the Bullfrog district. And as an assayer of note no man knows better than he just how valuable the ores of the district are.

Painstaking, reliable and always prompt, it is little wonder that his office has all the work that it can handle. Unlike many assayers, in opening an account with a prospector or miner Mr. Simons does not engross the patron's name upon his books, but gives to him a title known only to himself, so that in the event that the book were stolen or misplaced no one could possibly learn of the values of any of the tests made by him.

Mr. Simons is a member of the Rhyolite club, popular with all, and if there is a good fellow in the Bullfrog district that fellow is St. Simons.

Wood engraving was predicted by Durer in 1527.

THE RICHEST MINING DISTRICT

Esmeralda county, Nev., of which Goldfield is the largest town, is positively the richest gold mining county yet discovered in the world.

For thirty years there has been an unending success in gold, silver and copper mining in Esmeralda county, Nevada.

Wherever ore veins have been found and opened up during the past six years the values obtained under improved mining methods have been so phenomenal that it has made this district world-famous as a gold producer.

There is no good reason why any honest mining company should not succeed for its stockholders in this district when paying ore has been found.

The mining property of the Goldfield Copper-Gold Mining company, organized by Los Angeles capitalists, consists of the Monument and Hawthorne mines near Hawthorne, the county seat of Esmeralda county.

The Monument mine was discovered on the site of the old abandoned Cory mill. This mill was erected in the early '80's at an enormous cost by eastern theorists as a public custom mill, like a smelter, to treat ores of the whole Hawthorne mining district by a leaching process. The scheme was visionary and impracticable and resulted in failure. The mill was abandoned, but the ruins of it, including a seventy-foot chimney, still stand. In 1906 the Monument ore vein was discovered under the debris. Under the mining laws of Nevada the owner of the Monument mine, by right of discovery of the ore veins and legal development work, acquires the valuable remnant of brick, stone and timbers of the old Cory mill.

The Hawthorne or old Marigold mine is located about six miles west of Hawthorne and about thirteen miles from the railway station of Thorne on the Southern Pacific railroad. The mine lies south of the Cory canyon wagon road and Cory Canyon creek upon which an ample mill site may be obtained with sufficient water running continually through the year to operate a stamp mill. The Hawthorne is a free-milling gold mine and may be worked at a good profit by the erection of a small stamp mill on Cory Canyon creek.

Free milling gold ore was taken out of this mine in a primitive way by Mr. Marigold, the original discoverer, during his lifetime and carried down a burro trail and worked in a Mexican arastra.

The Monument mine has all the advantages of cheap mining expenses and transportation, and since the richest of treatment would be merely nominal, and only \$25 ore would pay a good profit, while the fact is that ore may now be sacked and shipped which will average \$30 a ton.

Will Prove It

"Why does Woggesley look so blue?"
"His rich aunt died."
"Thought a good deal of her, did he?"
"That doesn't account for his blues."
"What then?"
"She didn't think of him at all!"—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Drangement of Epitaphs

"Did you have good seats at the matinee?" asked the friend who met them coming from the theater.
"Not as good as we wanted," replied Mrs. Comeup. "We tried but couldn't get one of them mezzotint boxes, so we had to be satisfied with seats in the parokeet."

An Income for Life From An Investment in Borax

The mining of borax made millions for Francis M. Smith and gave him fame as "Borax Smith." Borax mining may make millions for us. The world's supply of borax is not confined to "Borax Smith's" mines in the desert. Immense deposits of borax have been discovered in operating rich mines and have been quietly making hundreds of thousands of dollars in profits.

The American Borax Mines Company owns, free and clear of all bonded or other indebtedness, 320 acres of borax producing property adjoining the holdings of the Fraiser and Columbia companies. We are beginning the work of development and have every confidence that we shall prove immense values with every successive foot of mining and that the holdings of this company will increase extraordinarily in worth within the next few months.

The American Borax Mines Company is incorporated under Arizona laws, with 5000 shares of a par value of \$100 each, fully paid and non-assessable. The directors decided at a recent meeting to offer a small block of 100 shares of the stock for sale at ONLY \$12.50 A SHARE.

This offer is limited in time as well as amount, and no application for more than ten shares will be accepted after this week. You may pay one-fifth cash and the balance in four equal monthly payments. We expect that every one of the 100 shares will be sold to investors who are looking for just such a chance as this to get into a sound investment, sure of making more than ordinary profits. After these 100 shares are subscribed no more stock will be sold except at a much higher price. After the property is opened up and its worth is demonstrated it will probably be impossible to buy any American Borax stock at any price. Shares bought now for \$12.50 will be worth \$100 or more then. The mining of borax can be undertaken at much less expense than the mining of the precious metals, and we append the reports of experts showing how little time and money will be required to put our property upon a paying basis.

One Valuable Opinion

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24, 1906.

AMERICAN BORAX MINES CO., 353 Huntington Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen—At the request of Mr. J. C. Thompson, the secretary of your company, I am sending you the following statement in regard to your borax property, located in Ventura County, California:

After visiting this property and going over the full 16 claims and noting some most wonderful borax leads, which might have never been noticed, only on account of the melting snow and rains coming down the mountains and opening up a large wash. Therefore, exposing the leads to plain view.

After visiting the Columbia Borax Mines and the mines of the Fraiser Co., I am thoroughly convinced, with the showing on your property, that you have something that is extremely valuable.

I would suggest that the American Borax Mines Co. expend about \$1000 to open up this property, which will positively, from the showings then made, encourage your board of directors to put in the proper machinery, which will cost at the highest not over \$2000, enabling them to ship from five to ten tons per day and at the price that borax is now quoted and from the profits the Columbia and Fraiser people are now deriving from their mines, should pay every one who offers their assistance, in any way of buying a few shares of stock to open up this property, several hundred per cent on their investment.

I might further state that with the proper machinery and capable men that this property would be on a paying basis within sixty days from the day they commence work, as it does not require depth or the handling of many tons of rock, as it does in the gold mines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of December, 1906.
[Seal.] (Signed) W. E. DAVIS, Mining Expert.

Two Other Opinions

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 11, 1907.

To the American Borax Mines Co., Inc.

We have thoroughly inspected certain borax mining claims situated in Ventura County, California, situated on the southeast slope of Mill Mountain, which is about fifty miles west of Lancaster in said county, on the Southern Pacific railroad, and about thirty miles from Sunset.

This property consists of sixteen claims, comprising in all 320 acres and adjoins and is a continuation of the Fraiser and Columbia Borax Mines, which said Fraiser and Columbia Borax Mines have been shipping large quantities of borax for years.

Whether or not work has been done upon these sixteen claims the surface indications go to show that this property will, upon development, be as valuable, if not more so, than the Fraiser and Columbia.

Shipping facilities, fuel and water are available without great expense and we have no hesitation in passing upon this property and the same is well worthy of investigation by any parties desirous of entering the borax business.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. T. WEBBER, London, England.
J. L. KELLY, Denver, Colorado,
Mining Experts.

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