

News of the Mines and Oil Fields

QUESTIONS VALUE OF 'BONANZA' GOLD MINES

John Herman Starts Action Against Company Which in Glowing Prospectus Asserted Greater Quantities of Ore Are Exposed at the Very Door of Los Angeles Than Can Be Mined in One Hundred Years

Petition for a writ of mandate to compel the directors of the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mines company to permit an inspection of the corporation's books was filed in the superior court yesterday by John Herman, who claims to own fifty shares of the capital stock of the company and says he wants to make the inspection in order to determine the value of his holdings and to ascertain the location of the mining property.

Herman is a fire assayer at 252 1/2 South Main street, and the mining company has an office at 420 I. W. Hellman building. It is Herman's belief that the reason his request for an inspection of the books is denied is because there are no books. The mining company announces in a prospectus that it proposes to develop one of the largest gold bearing ore deposits ever heard of in the history of mining, the deposit lying right at the doors of Los Angeles, forty-two miles away, in the San Gabriel canyon.

Harris' Name Mentioned The filing of this complaint again brings to public notice the name of E. Harris, whom The Herald mentioned in an article February 4 as being connected with a promotion scheme to sell an interest in certain claims in Little Dalton canyon, which comprised a formation identical with that found in the neighboring canyon of San Gabriel. Assay values included in the prospectus of the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mining company are the same as those used by Harris in a letter addressed to a prospective buyer of a part of the interest in the Dalton claims, according to Prof. H. L. Boyd of the Y. M. C. A., who, in a signed statement to The Herald, makes the assertion that the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mining company has not been definitely learned as his name does not appear on any of the literature being circulated. But judging from the statement of Professor Boyd it is believed that the two are working together in the promotion of the scheme described by all fire assayers and well informed and reliable mining men of the city.

To mining men the prospectus of the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mining company appears absurd in its luring and exaggerated statements that close with an urgent request for prospective buyers to purchase as only a small allotment of stock was on the market. The prospectus says:

Big Ore Promised "In presenting the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mining company, located in the San Gabriel canyon, San Gabriel mining district, Los Angeles county, within forty-two miles from the doors of the city of Los Angeles, lies one of the largest gold bearing ore bodies ever heard of in mining history. No developing, such as shafts, tunnels and underground boring, is required as in other prospects, but the ore is exposed, ready for the mill; in other words, one of the largest gold quarrying gold propositions ever heard of. We are conservative in our statement and we do say that the ore body is over 300 feet in width and 6000 feet in length. From the above you will see why you should become an investor in the Southern California Gold Mining company.

No Fire Assays Shown This company follows up the argument with the declaration that "knowing that our ore carried values," assays were secured. In the several assays mentioned none of the chemical assays, the only established and legitimate process in existence, which has never been able to find any commercial value in the black rock of the San Gabriel and contiguous canyons. The assays affixed to the statement of this company run as high as \$37 in gold value. This assay was made by Frederick Salathe.

Denies Statement "I have never claimed to show that such a large ore body should lie at the very doors of the city of Los Angeles and not have been mined before. The forty-nines walked right over the Cripple Creek gold field, California to the gold, and in doing so they walked over the gold fields of Nevada, having prospected all the way, but no gold of consequence was discovered until they reached California. Why Cripple Creek gold was found in the form of sylvanite, goldfield gold in the form of calaverite, both belonging to the telluride class, and not in the form of telluride, both belonging to a different form of treatment than was known in the early days of mining."

Makes Comparisons "The great Homestake mine of South Dakota has been mined for twenty years and a monthly dividend of 50 cents a share on a million dollars' capitalization, and its ore body averages from \$5 to \$5 a ton gold. After fifteen years been a steady dividend payer, and they still are that does not average \$2.50 a ton gold. Taking into consideration the values we have given you, the unlimited quantity of ore in sight, plenty of water for milling purposes, should be absolute and positive proof to all investors that this is the best proposition ever handled by the mining industry.

Will Stand by Assays Frederick Salathe, when seen yesterday, said that his assistant, R. O. Wrona, made assays for the Southern California Bonanza Gold Mining company and is willing to stand by the values returned from the rock, but that he has no knowledge as to where the rock assayed came from. He also said that he made assays on rock for C. R. Harris, and that these assays showed high gold values. He says Harris later made a proposition to him to have young Salathe, his son, go with him to the property in Little Dalton canyon and see what the prospects would be there for the location of a mill to treat the ores. The request was complied with, and while on the Harris claims in Little Dalton canyon young Salathe picked up several samples of the typical rock of the claims, and upon returning to Los Angeles made an assay of them. These samples proved absolutely worthless.

Secret Process Denounced Both J. T. Wilkins, who was in my employ, and myself were particularly thorough in proving the fraud of the secret process men to Mr. Harris, and we both became convinced that Mr. Harris was dealing with Mr. French, and we suspected the two were in touch in spite of the fact that Harris denied knowledge of the whereabouts of French.

ANNUAL MEETING 'WILL BE JOVIAL' CHAMBER OF MINES MEMBERS TO ASSEMBLE

GATHERING OF MINING MEN IS CALLED FOR TODAY Bowl of Fellowship and Enlarged Exhibit of Mineral Specimens from Properties in South-West Area Features

The annual meeting of members of the Los Angeles chamber of mines will be held today between 3 and 5 p. m. All mining and oil men and their friends have been invited to attend the meeting. There will be cigars for the smokers and a bowl for those appreciating the good things of life. The new mineral exhibit hall will be thrown open for inspection on the date mentioned. A number of handsome display cases specially designed and constructed to display mineral specimens to the best advantage are now being installed and expected that the mineral exhibit committee will complete its labors in time to have all specimens available for exhibition, properly classified and labeled prior to the meeting.

Willing to Pay Expenses Under this arrangement I will pay all expenses of specimens in ten ton lots by one or more of the chemical processes and it is expected that the ores will be brought to this city at a very early date and that the tests will be made in the laboratory named, which will, for all time, settle the question as to whether or not there is any failure in the carrying out of this arrangement in that they are not to be proceeded along the lines above indicated, at my expense, as in my twenty-five years of doing engineering and similar work and finding out enterprises I have never been accused of being connected with any questionable business proposition and cannot afford to submit to any such infirmity being drawn at this time. Very respectfully submitted, C. R. HARRIS.

MINING QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for 'NEVADA STOCKS' and 'NEW YORK CURB'. Lists various stock prices and market movements.

SAN FRANCISCO OIL STOCKS

Table listing oil stock prices in San Francisco, including companies like Am. Petroleum, Shell, and others.

BOSTON CURB

Table listing curb market prices in Boston, including various commodities and stocks.

SALT LAKE MINES

Table listing salt lake mine stock prices, including companies like Utah Copper and others.

BOSTON MINING STOCKS

Table listing mining stock prices in Boston, including various mineral and metal stocks.

Advertisement for 'Nature-Form Shoe For Boys, Girls and Babies'. Includes text about children's shoes and a list of directors for Home Builders.

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