

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Frank Mitchell's Search for the Lost Lukey Ledge.

LONG SOLGHT IN VAIN.

A Will-o'-the-Wisp Pursued by a Nephew of the Late Senator Stanford.

INDIANS HOLD THE SECRET.

Silver in Almost Pure Form Found Near Gold Harbor Forty Years Ago.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 30.—Franklin Mitchell, a nephew of the late Senator Stanford, is expected to arrive on the next trip of the steamer Bosowitz from the north, where he has been engaged for some time past in a search for the lost Lukey ledge, a vein of almost pure silver, a foot thick, which was discovered forty years ago by Silas Lukey of Denyer. Jack Macrae, who was Mitchell's working partner in the enterprise, returned several days ago, but will disclose little. It is learned, however, that the two prospected upward of 400 miles of coast, acting on information received from Indians, and having innumerable hardships and privations to contend with.

Cameron and Donaldson, two veteran prospectors, were the last to take the field in search of the Queen Charlotte will-o'-the-wisp, but after spending several thousand dollars they returned home disheartened last October. They are convinced that the Indians know of the ledge, and think it quite probable Mitchell has thus located the long-talked-of treasure.

The finding of this phantom lode of Queen Charlotte is in many respects a stranger story than that of the famous "Lost Gunlight" of Arizona. It was only a few months ago that the mining community here abaze with the stories of his island's yellow wealth that some seventy excited prospectors chartered a schooner and visited Gold Harbor and the country round about. They spent considerable time prospecting the rough and barren coast, with but small success, then returned to Victoria and disbanded.

During their exploration of the island one of the party, Silas Lukey, a "tender-foot" with no knowledge of minerals, came across a twelve-inch ledge in his wanderings and knocked off a few specimens almost mechanically. When he showed the rock to his companions they laughed at him and told him it was plumbago.

A LOS GATOS ADVENTURE.

Experience of a Young Lady With a Midnight Prowler.

Jumped From a Window and Fled to a Neighbor's to Escape From a Ruffian.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 31.—Annie Wilson, a domestic employed at the residence of Henry Hatch at Los Gatos, had an exciting experience with a midnight prowler last night. She was alone in the house at the time, the Hatch family being in attendance at a party.

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STOCKTON, CAL., Aug. 31.—A fire fiend is at work in Stockton. Last night he attempted to set fire to two lodging-houses on North Center street, near Main. In both cases he was unsuccessful, as the fires were put out by the inmates before any damage was done. One of the lodging-houses is at 14 and the other at 20 North Center street, the first named being kept by Mrs. Lancaster and the other by Mrs. Edith Burke.

Shortly after 1 o'clock last night Mrs. Lancaster heard some one come up the stairs leading to her place. She thought the man wanted a room and arose to unlock her door, but as she opened it she turned and went downstairs before she could reach the hallway. She went back to her room but did not retire.

In about twenty minutes the same man came up the stairs again. He quickly put out the light on the table at the head of the hall and lighting a piece of newspaper thrust it under a curtain, which served as a temporary door to one of the rooms. The blaze soon caught the curtain and then went to the bed and extended to the top of the room. G. Dittman, a lodger, whose room is but a few feet away, saw the light and grasping a pitcher of water hurried out of his room. Mrs. Lancaster and another lodger also hurried to the front of the hall and soon put the blaze out. One of the lodgers had his hands burned in endeavoring to extinguish the blaze.

The room in which the fire was started is a temporary affair, which has just been erected in the upper hall of the lodging-house. The top is covered with mosquito netting, and as the carpenter had not yet put in the door, an ordinary window curtain served as one. This was but a few feet from the head of the stairs, and it was very easy for the fire fiend to place the burning paper beneath it.

Just after this fire occurred another was started in the lodging-house next door. About 2 o'clock some one, evidently the same person who started the fire in No. 14, came up the stairs of Mrs. Burke's lodging-house at No. 20. He rang the bell, but as the hour was late and she was sick, she paid no attention to it.

The man shuddered about for a moment and then went downstairs as he had done next door. Presently he returned, but thought he would leave and paid no further attention to him. He did not do this, but went along the hallway to a vacant room that was being used as a storeroom. Here he started a fire behind the door and then fled. The smell of the smoke aroused the lodgers and they turned out in time to extinguish the blaze. Very little damage was done.

From his actions the man appeared to be malicious rather than crazy. The police are investigating.

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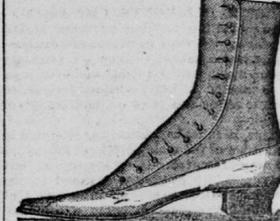
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In the 2:25 class pace, after some scoring the horses got away with Phenom in the lead. At the half Phenom broke and Ruby led into the turn. Down the stretch Phenom gathered herself and won the heat in 2:13 1/4. The second and third heats were won by the first, Phenom winning in 2:14 1/4 and 2:14 1/4 respectively.

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