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Manhattan Placers Grow Richer Day by Day

(By Frank Garside.)
 MANHATTAN, Nev., June 24.—That gold is where you find it is being demonstrated to a great extent in Manhattan just now. For several years certain sections of the camp lay idle and were branded by the knowing ones as "doubtful." As an example, the main gulch, over six miles long, the wise ones said was a stretch of unprofitable land; there were no ledges showing, so there could be no gold. Somehow, the fact that there might be rich placer deposits buried there never occurred to them, so the gulch remained in a comatose condition, sleeping on up to a few short months ago, when, by mere chance, a miner doing assessment work at Central, two miles below the camp of Manhattan, discovered that the gravel at bedrock, a depth of fifty feet, carried gold. There had been other shafts dug in the gulch on and off for over three years, but the gravel was never panned for values. And the finding of placer gold at once set the camp in a perfect turmoil of excitement. Scarcely a few weeks had passed ere every foot of ground in the gulch, from the main street of the town to Smoky valley, six miles west, had been taken up either by locators or leasers and active work was in progress. A pleasing feature has been that in over 90 per cent of the holes sunk pay dirt has been encountered and big money is in sight for the operators. At first the news of the finding of placer gold in the gulch was little, heeded by the "knowing" ones, but after a few of the shafts had reached bedrock and the owners had extracted a few handfuls of nuggets, they began to sit up and take notice, rub their eyes and awaken.

gets ranging in value from 25 cents to a dollar, and the first one of any great size was found on the September claim, a mile below Manhattan, by a Slavonian named Sam Divinovich. The nugget was valued at \$6 and created some excitement when shown around the camp. Next in line came "Dry Wash" Wilson, working a lease on the African claim of the Wolfstone Extension. The nugget he found was worth \$15 and quite naturally the excitement doubled. A few days afterward Wilson came up town with a nugget valued at \$22.50 and it held the record in big things for a few weeks, when A. J. Chindgren, a leaser on the Goldfield and Bald Mountain Consolidated company's ground, came across a nugget weighing fifty-six pennyweights and was about two-thirds gold. Its value was placed at \$45, and the WHSON nugget was forgotten.

But the Chindgren treasure was not to hold the boards long, for less than a week after its discovery a nugget was found on the Verde ground by Speaker J. B. Giffen of the late Nevada legislature that weighed 11 13-100 ounces and was solid gold. It is valued at \$162. Giffen and his associates have been taking up the dirt off the surface with a scraper and running it through a combination wet and dry-washing machine and recovering on an average of an ounce of gold to the yard. The big nugget was dumped into the machine, but it refused to budge when the water was turned on and one of the employes reached for it to throw it aside on the dump. Imagine his surprise to find that instead of the obstinate article being a large pebble it was a nugget the size of a deck of cards. It is the largest nugget ever found in the camp and

holds the record of being the second or third largest ever found in the state. When the legislature adjourned and Mr. Giffen returned to Manhattan, his home town, he said that he knew where there were large deposits of placer gold and that they would reap bigger and more permanent returns than being speaker would, so he got busy and is succeeding far beyond his most sanguine expectations.

AWARDS TWO CONTRACTS.

The board of capitol commissioners awarded the contract to Donnels and Steinmetz of Reno, today for furnishing the governor's mansion complete. The board had a lower bid but figured that the quality of material offered by Donnels and Steinmetz was the best. The board also awarded the contract for furnishing the governor's private office to W. & J. Sloan company of San Francisco.

ANXIOUS ABOUT SON.

Mrs. Constance Lazar will be very thankful for any information that can be sent her concerning her son, Rudolph, who came to Nevada some months ago to learn the sheep business. He is 20 years old, five feet nine inches tall, very dark complexioned. Address Mrs. Constance Lazar, 4431 Vrain street, Denver, Colorado.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE.

The building formerly occupied by

the Hub saloon is being refitted and the vacant places along Main street will soon be doing business as a restaurant. It is apparent to all that are being taken up, a sign of the times. Tonopah is coming into its own. Before long the for rent and for sale signs will be conspicuous by their absence.

TAFT COMMUTES SENTENCE.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—President Taft today commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed on Henry L. Schrifogel, alias "Ducky" Holmes, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Hamilton, November 26, 1907. The execution was to have taken place next Thursday.

AMERICA WILLING TO TAKE TWENTY PER CENT

NEW YORK, June 23.—It is understood in financial circles interested in the loan of \$27,500,000 to China for the construction of the Hankow-Sze, Chuen railroad that America, while insisting on her right to participate in this loan has offered. In order to make matters easier for the holders concerned—Great Britain, France and Germany—to accept 20 per cent of the loan as her share. Furthermore, America has waived her right, under the convention with China to appoint an engineer or auditor of the line.

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JUDGE STEVENS DECIDES IN FAVOR OF MINING COMPANY

(Special to the Bonanza.)
 GOLDFIELD, June 24.—Judge Stevens today decided in favor of the Nevada Hills Mining company of Fairview and against H. B. Lind and Charles Kaeding. The suit was brought against the company for \$238,000 on the ground that Lind and Kaeding had grubstaked Henry Weber, one of the original locators of the Nevada Hills property, who in turn disposed of his holdings in the property to the Nevada Hills company. It was contended that the grubstake given Weber entitled Lind and Kaeding to an ownership in the property which they valued in the sum sued for.

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