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MAGNITUDE WAS APPRECIATED BY HORACE GREELEY

MINERAL WEALTH OF NEVADA MOUNTAINS WHICH IS NOW PRODUCING

When Horace Greeley crossed the plains in 1859, he made a speech at Placerville, California, in which he said that in passing over what was then called "the great American desert," he had been struck by the appalling barrenness and desolation of that immense tract, and that, having pondered over the matter, and reflecting that the Almighty had made nothing in vain, he had come to the conclusion that that section was to become the scene of great mineral discoveries. "In which case," he said, "it will take 100,000 miners 100 years to thoroughly explore it."

When we reflect on the size of Nevada alone—a state with an area of more than 112,000 square miles—and remember that but a comparatively small area of this immense territory has ever been prospected, we cannot but conclude that there was something of a genius for prophecy in the make-up of Horace Greeley, says the Mining Financial News.

It has been the custom of most writers to speak of the first great discovery of ore in this great desert—the Comstock lode—as being made in an isolated locality. In one sense this is true; in another not true. Most, if not all, of the historians of the Comstock seem not

to have given any particular attention to the fact that the discovery of placer gold which later led to the discovery of the Comstock was made at a station on the old overland stage route, by which the adventurous pioneers of those days made their way from the east to California. From this place, now known as Dayton, to the Comstock is a distance of seven miles, and it took just seven years from the time gold was discovered at Dayton until the discovery of the Comstock was made.

The region of the Comstock is an arid one, but the snows, melting in the spring, had dislodged and carried away from the disintegrating creppings, particles of gold down the gulch that led to where Dayton now stands. The process occupied thousands of years, and had doubtless been accelerated by many a cloudburst such as that which lately descended with such crushing force upon the camp of Rawhide. For nature, ordinarily niggardly with moisture for the arid regions, when she does send them rain at all, usually pours it down in torrents.

The Comstock produced about \$600,000,000, and ranking next to it is Austin, which is credited with an output of about \$100,000,000. Austin was discovered by a man seeking wood for Jacobs station, another stopping place on the overland stage route, six or seven miles away.

Another camp with a production well up in the millions was Egan Canyon, also close to the overland route. Egan Canyon, notwithstanding its respectable production, derives its chief reputation from the fact that it led to the discovery of Ely and of the great gold and silver camps that made the county of White Pine famous in the latter

60's. Rawhide is the only camp of the lot actually located on ground over which the overland route actually ran, and it was the last to be discovered. It is possible that gold had been found in Rawhide many years before the rush came, but the ground being at that time within the boundaries of the Walker Indian reservation, no title could issue to the discoverer or discoverers. It is a remarkable thing that the discovery of Rawhide was made in the summer of 1907—less than a year after the Walker reservation was opened to the public. It is also noteworthy that although for forty years before the opening of the reservation it was freely predicted and generally believed that the Walker reservation contained a world of rich mineral-bearing ground, the only discovery of note made since the date of the opening, which was October 29, 1906, has been that of Rawhide.

It is only of recent years that big discoveries in Nevada, like those of Tonopah and Goldfield, have occurred far away from any beaten path. Every new discovery of this sort brings in its wake a horde of prospectors who scatter about in all directions, with the new camp as the center from which they radiate. And thus one great discovery is often the precursor of many others.

Greeley's great American desert included not only Nevada, but Utah and parts of other states and territories. Since Greeley's day Nevada alone has produced over a billion dollars in gold and silver, and is now beginning, thanks to Ely, to take a place in the front rank of copper producers. Of his 100,000 miners, there are about 20,000 in the state now, but, as surely as over 50 years have elapsed since he delivered his speech at Placerville, so

surely will it take more than 100 years to prospect the state of Nevada alone.

CITY BRINGS SUIT AGAINST FRANK GOLDEN

RENO, Sept. 16.—Two complaints were filed yesterday by the city of Reno against Frank Golden and certain property along the line of the city improvement work. The properties include lots 15 and 16, block B, and lot 8, block G, in the original townsite of the city.

This action is in accordance with the official action of the city respecting the levying of assessments on the property thus improved by the street paving, and the collection of the cost of same from each property holder, by legal action, in cases of the non-payment of the amount assessed against them, the cost being a lien upon the property. The amount of these suits is about \$2000, to which is to be added 10 per cent for damages and 25 per centum as prescribed by the ordinance relating to this work.

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STOCK MARKET

Another small decline was felt in the local stock market yesterday. While the advices from the San Francisco market state that very few selling orders are being received, the market has continued downward. The local brokers say that this cannot continue much longer, as large orders are about due from the east.

MacNamara fell yesterday for two points, while Montana, West End and Jim Butler each declined one cent.

In the Goldfield securities, Consolidated was the feature, advancing 12 1/2 points. Booth slipped up one point. Florence fell away 2 1/2 points and Fraction lost one point.

The following quotations are furnished by Broker H. E. Epstine:

Tonopah District.	
Tonopah Mining	7.00
Monjama	.95 .99
Tonopah Extension	.59 .60
MacNamara	.31 .32
Midway	.19 .21
Belmont	.78
North Star	.03 .04
West End	.29 .31
Rescue	.02 .03
Jim Butler	.12 .13

Goldfield District.	
Consolidated	6.80 6.85
Columbia Mountain	.10 .11
Booth	.13 .14
Atlanta	.13 .14
Great Bend	.06 .07
Florence	3.00 2.02 1/2
Daisy	.14 .15
Fraction	.76 .78
Kewanas	.08 .09
Red Hills	.06 .07

Bullfrog District	
Amethyst	.01 .03
Mayflower	.14 .15
Montgomery Mt	.03 .05
Valley View	.03

Miscellaneous	
Pittsburg Silver Pk	.51

IS HOSTESS AT A CHARMING LUNCHEON

On Wednesday afternoon, at her cozy home on Ellis street, Mrs. Elton Davis was hostess at a very delightful luncheon. A round dozen were assembled at the festive board. The guests were Mrs. John Kirchen, Mrs. George Thatcher, Mrs. Robert Prouty, Mrs. Mapes, Mrs. George Blakeslee, Mrs. Tom Kendall, Mrs. DeCourcy, Mrs. Warren Richardson, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Sydney Clark and Miss Chase of New York.

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