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Lincoln's Gold Placers.

HEAVY OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS ON THE COLORADO.

Lincoln County will be the Heaviest Gold Producing County in the United States Before the Year Closes.

Despite the booming reports from other quarters of the state respecting gold finds and gold output, Lincoln county promises to keep in the lead. The placer fields on the Colorado in the extreme southern part of our county will be heavy producers, from all accounts, before snow flies again next fall.

The extreme southern part of Lincoln County, that bordering on the Colorado River, will this summer experience a mining boom such as that section has never before witnessed. Three mills are in operation at Eldorado Canyon and points below, on ore from lode claims which heretofore have claimed the bulk of attention given to mining in that section, and all are doing well, but it is the placer fields about 12 miles above the ferry at Riville which are now receiving attention and which from all accounts will swell the gold output to such a degree within the present year that Lincoln county will head the list of gold producing counties in the United States.

These placers were discovered years ago but on account of their isolation from any base of supplies and the consequent great expense incident to any kind of operations on them, have, until within the past year lain dormant and little or nothing has been heard of them.

Now, however it is proposed to work the claims with all modern appliances.

The Temple Bar Consolidated Mining Company heads the undertaking. It is a corporation organized under the laws of Arizona, with headquarters in San Francisco. H. J. Delamar is President and J. K. Carpenter Superintendent.

The company's property embraces 1700 acres, comprising the Temple Bar, Temple Bar Extension, Louise, Chispa, Triangle, Primrose, Sarah, Box Canyon, Shot Gold, Happy Thought, Palisade, Gerald, Jessie, Four Year-Old, Corbett and Delamar, claims situated on the Nevada side; and the California, American and Gerald No. 2 on the Arizona side, and are situated at Temple Bar, in Lincoln county, about 12 miles above Riville, or Bonnell's Ferry.

The Rio Virgin and Colorado are now running full and an immense quantity of driftwood is coming down the Colorado. The Temple Bar company proposes to take about 12000 cords of this wood and has now under construction one of the largest booms to be found outside the great lumber regions of the northwest.

Logs for this boom are being hauled from Timber mountain, northwest of the Muddy valley. The timbers are floated down the Virgin from St. Thomas for 20 miles, then hauled up the Colorado for 15 miles over a road recently constructed for that purpose. Three cribs have been sunk in the river. The largest has been put 16 feet below low water mark, and is weighted down with 1100 tons of rock. Two donkey engines will be used to haul the wood away from the boom. It will be pulled to the Arizona side and thence hauled to this side as needed, over a steel cable which will be stretched for the transportation of general supplies. The boom is expected to be finished by the 11th of the month.

A 600 horse power engine will be erected for pumping purposes. It will be the largest in the West for hydraulic purposes and will lift 17,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. The water power will be 125-foot head and the company expects to work from 10 to 15 hydraulic giants. An electric light plant will form part of the machinery put in, and all the machinery will be located on the Nevada side.

All the machinery will be brought from the A. & P. railroad in Arizona, and 30 miles of wagon road have just been constructed between the White Hills in Arizona and Temple Bar, over which to transport machinery and supplies.

The company expects to have everything in running order by the first of next October. The difficulties incident to floating any enterprise of magnitude in that section can hardly be conceived by one who has not witnessed it, and the company will do well if it succeeds in completing its plant by that time.

As soon as power for Barleighs can be applied a tunnel 12x24 feet will be started on one part of the property. This will be driven 4,200 feet and will furnish employment to a large body of men.

The gravel depth of the claims on which work will begin is estimated at 180 feet, and careful and numerous tests justify the belief that it will yield 10 cents to the cubic foot. Work is being pushed in every quarter as rapidly as possible. The magnitude of the undertaking indicates the degree of faith entertained of the project by the owners and if it is successful other similar operations will soon begin in the same locality, for the Bar company's holdings constitute only a portion of the

known placer grounds in that vicinity, and Lincoln county will easily lead as the largest gold producing section of the United States.

The geographical situation at most places on the Colorado where mineral is found favor the Nevada side. As a rule the river banks on the Arizona side are precipitous and high, while on the Nevada side, washes, gulches or ravines, extending back frequently for 15 or 20 miles, predominate, furnishing better facilities for general prospecting and the erection of works.

COPPER MINES.

At Camp Verdi, 12 miles southeast from Bunkerville, is the copper claim which received considerable mention last fall. The claim was then under bond to Lane & Hayward of San Francisco, who have prosecuted work upon it with the result that the property is looking exceptionally well, and there is little doubt but that it will be taken at the bond figure of \$10,000. John Kiernan and Scott Allen are the owners. These gentlemen are also interested in another copper property recently opened up, situated in Cedar Basin, south of Camp Verdi, and which is also well spoken of.

The completest success of these enterprises is hoped for. They will result in other explorations and openings, facilitate the early construction of a railroad and thus bring within easy reach of capital, a section that has long been regarded as one of the best mining regions in the United States.

The proposition to expend several hundred dollars in expediting the books of the various county officers seems to have been abandoned. It is well that it is so. An investigation of this character, extending back but six years as we understand was intended, would, in our opinion, be a waste of the money paid for the service. The county revenues for the period mentioned were barely sufficient to conduct its affairs. The money was due on claims long before it reached the treasury and was paid out immediately upon receipt. There has been no surplus to steal or make away with, as some of those who urged an examination appear to think, and the worst that the most rigid examination could reveal would be a possible distribution of more to one fund than to another, owing to different constructions of statutes which would result in no injury, since it has all been paid out for county purposes, and such an amount we believe, if found, would be less than the sum expended by the Commissioners in the examination of the books.

The amount of sporting business carried on in a mining town is said to indicate with some certainty, the degree of its prosperity. Times at Delamar are dull and the fact that for the month of April only three gaming licenses were taken out, where a few months ago eight or nine were issued, indicates a scarcity of ready money at Lincoln County's boss mining camp.

A last issue of the Elko Independent says: The janitor of the courthouse is on one of his periodical sprees again. He was arrested and locked up this morning for disturbing the peace. The commissioners should give him the grand bounce at their next meeting as there are sober men who would be glad to get the job.

Paul Succetti returned from Delamar on Monday. He has been working in the April Fool mine running car, and on Friday last, while operating his car a rock fell and broke one of the fingers of his right hand. He will try his luck in this vicinity for the summer.

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MEETING HELD, MAY 3, 1897.

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STATE OF NEVADA,)
County of Lincoln,)
I, H. J. Goodrich, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, State of Nevada, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and complete list of all claims against said county, allowed by said Board on the date above given.

H. J. GOODRICH, Clerk.

Wm. Morgan who was killed at State Line was very generally known by the name of "Grass Root Billy."

The Nevada Restaurant on Main St. open for business yesterday under the management of J. A. Denton. White cooks and labors generally will be employed.

NEVADA'S CAPABILITIES.

Mr. Smythe's "Forum" Article Commented Upon by the New York Sun.

One of the political articles in the April number of the Forum is an answer to the Nevada Tribune, which lately urged that Nevada should be deprived of statehood, or that, at least, her senators should be excluded from Congress, as was done with the seceding Southern states during the war and reconstruction period. The same newspaper asserts that Wyoming, should that state fail to show in 1900 a satisfactory growth in population, should also be invited to march out of the Union. The Chicago Tribune, in a word, appears to think that simply by an act of Congress a state may be deprived of its constitutional rights through being merged in another state, or may be abruptly reduced to the position of a territory.

Mr. William M. Smythe, the author of the Forum article, gives four reasons why Nevada should not be deprived of her state rights. Before glancing at these, we may point out that it is not a question of political expediency, but of constitutional power. In the first place a constitutional amendment would be required to merge Nevada into Utah or any other adjoining state, unless the Legislature of Nevada and that of the other state should concur with Congress in the act. The third section of the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States provides that "No new state shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state, nor shall any state be formed by the junction of two or more states or parts of states, without the consent of the legislature of the states concerned, as well as of Congress." It is, of course, inconceivable that Nevada, acting through its legislature, would ever acquiesce in the extinction of its own statehood. As for the reduction of the state to the position of a territory, not only could this not be done by an act of Congress, but it could not even be effected by a constitutional amendment. Article V of the Constitution, which creates the machinery for its own amendment, excludes one subject from the operation of such machinery by the clause providing "that no state without its consent shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate." That Nevada would ever consent to such a deprivation is, of course, incredible. The discussion, therefore, started by the Chicago Tribune is purely academic.

Assuming, however, for the moment that the constitutional impediments to the extinction of Nevada's statehood did not exist, let us look for a moment at Mr. Smythe's reasons for believing that it would be inexpedient to deprive her of her present rights. It is not true he says, that "the silver mines which made her all she was have been exhausted;" it is not true that "she has no other mineral wealth;" it is not true that "she has no agricultural resources;" and it is not true, as the Chicago Tribune has alleged, that "she is flickering out" in consequence of the fact that "she has nothing to attract people." Mr. Smythe admits, indeed, that the fabulous profits once derived from the mines of the Comstock lode can scarcely be again looked for, but he asserts that even these deposits still possess well nigh unlimited quantities of ore worth from \$6 to \$15 per ton. The same is true of the other old mining camps of Eureka, Austin and Tuscarora, and of the districts in Lincoln and Esmeralda counties; they are still rich in silver ore, averaging from \$8 to \$20 per ton. The extreme southern counties of the state suffer at present from the lack of transportation facilities. Some of the mines there have to ship ore to the reduction works at Salt Lake City at a cost of \$15 per ton. There are other localities where the freight charges range from \$20 to \$100 per ton, and where, consequently, great ore bodies carrying \$30 to \$60 per ton in precious metals lie unworked. The depression of the silver industry in Nevada is due to a number of causes, but according to Mr. Smythe, the alleged facts that her silver mines have been exhausted is not one of them.

As to the statement that Nevada "has no other mineral wealth," the roll of fourteen counties is called to bear witness to the amazing variety of the state's natural endowments. Humboldt county, for instance, possesses not only silver, but gold, copper, tin, lead, iron, antimony, nickel, cobalt, bismuth, nitre, sulphur, gypsum, borax, and salt. Near Lovelock, this county, there are great hills of fine Bessemer iron ore yielding 36 per cent of iron and 12 per cent of aluminum, with no trace of impurities. Eureka county, in the central part of the state, has large deposits of magnetic iron ore, of lead, of granite and other building stones. Lander county, adjoining Eureka on the west, has the richest mines of antimony in the world. In Lincoln county there is a deposit of zinc estimated to be worth several millions of dollars, which cannot just now be worked for lack of transportation facilities. There are hills of salt, the outcome of which commands locally but one dollar per ton, though elsewhere in the state from \$20 to \$40 per ton is paid for salt. Finally there is in Elko county a large deposit of something else never to have been discovered elsewhere, namely, mineral soap, superior in cleansing virtues to any manufactured soap.

Has Nevada no agricultural resources? It is true that the state is very arid, having but ten inches of rainfall, and but little of that in the growing season. The most painstaking and systematic inquiry, however, ever made with regard to the extent of her water supply resulted in the conclusion that at least 6,000,000 acres of rich ground could be irrigated. The commission of 1893 reported twenty lakes and sixteen rivers of importance, which with minor streams and springs could be made to irrigate upward of 5,000,000 acres; and artesian wells would bring up the total to the figure above named. It should be borne in mind that

the splendid agricultural prosperity of Colorado and Utah is based upon a cultivated area of only about 2,000,000 acres. It seems then, that so far as her agricultural capabilities are concerned, Nevada might sustain at least as many people as do Utah and Colorado put together, at their present stage of development. The products of the irrigated lands of Nevada are the fruits, vegetables, cereals and grasses of the temperate zone, and, in the extreme southern portions, the more delicate products of the semi-tropics, such as figs, olives, pomegranates, almonds, Malaga walnuts, and, in sheltered places even oranges. When we add that Nevada, like all parts of the arid plateau, is distinguished for pure, dry air, an extraordinary amount of sunshine, and consequently a very high degree of healthfulness, it can scarcely be maintained that the state is destitute of attractions.

It is not to be denied that Nevada seems backward by comparison with Utah and Colorado. Mr. Smythe points out that the men made rich by the mines and railroads of Colorado spend their money where they make it, whereas the wealth taken from the gold and silver deposits of Nevada has contributed nothing to the embellishment of her cities or to the redemption of her waste places. One cause of this difference is, no doubt, the fact that the superior attractions of California are within a few hours' ride of Virginia city. There, again, it has not been the policy of the Central Pacific railway to develop the territory between Utah and California. It is true that Utah has been developed without the aid of railroads or millions, but it is pointed out by Mr. Smythe that Utah has always had a colonization policy. If Brigham Young had not recalled his colonies from the valleys of the Carson, the Walker and the Truckee during the fifties, no one would now complain of the decreasing population in Nevada.

Freight to go via Eureka. It is now authentically reported that freight for Ely merchants will go by way of Eureka. This change will be seriously felt in Wells and Toano, as nearly all the freight for points south has been handled at these places for many years past. The new route is decidedly the shortest, but whether it will prove to be the cheapest and most satisfactory remains to be seen.

The distance from Eureka to Ely is 90 miles, and from Wells to Ely about 150 miles, but the roads are kept in better shape and there is less grade on this side than via Eureka. Lumber, machinery and other heavy goods will be freighted by way of Wells, as heretofore, as it would not pay to transfer this class of freight onto the narrow gauge cars at Palisade.—Wells Herald.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks that there is no adequate cause for the two-column editorial by which the Louisville Courier-Journal proves that Mr. Cleveland can never again be President of the United States. This job could be done in much smaller space. Not more than eighty or 100 persons out of the 70,000,000 inhabitants of the country want him to be President again, and not more than ten or twelve of these, it is safe to say even imagine that he will be President.

Names of Presidents' Mothers. President McKinley's mother's name is Nancy; so was that of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Of the other presidents' mothers' given names there are four Elizabeths, three Marys, two Elizas, two Janes, two Annas, and one each of Susanna, Kelly, Abigail, Sarah, Phoebe, Harriet, Sophia, Malvina and Maria.

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12:55 P.M.	Osage	Arrive 5:00 A.M.
1:05 P.M.	Osage	Leave 4:00 A.M.
2:15 P.M.	Osage	Arrive 5:00 A.M.
3:25 P.M.	Osage	Leave 4:00 A.M.
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