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THE BATIPOLAS MINES.

Lieut. Schwatka in the Reporter.

The big Batipolas Mining company owns and operates over sixty mines. It is owned in New York, Washington, Boston and Philadelphia, and under the management of ex-Governor A. B. Shepherd, of Washington. It is without any doubt the most important American mining venture in Mexico, and the one which has the greatest difficulties to contend with.

There is no other mining camp in the world more difficult of access, and the establishment of a business of such enormous magnitude in the heart of the Sierra Madre in so short a number of years is an accomplishment suggestive of great courage, energy and tenacity. This company owns all of the famous old mines which in the time of the Spaniards yielded the fabulous bonanzas which caused the astonishment of the world, but it has had to repair the follies which from a scientific stand-point, were committed by several generations of inept and short-sighted mining. It has had to clear the old mines of immense masses of rock and dirt which had accumulated during many decades of abandonment "gutting and scalping" as the miners say. Since the present company has had control, over 100 miles of openings have been made, the detail of which would be to long and uninteresting to give. The most important is the great Porfirio Diaz tunnel to be three and a half miles in length, and when completed one of the longest and most important mining tunnels in the world, cutting over 80 well-known veins at the river's level. It is now in 1,000 feet and being driven by modern machinery at the rate 50 feet a week. This almost infant American industry was started with less than \$150,000 capital, Governor Shepherd told me, and in seven years, after paying fair dividends, had been able to put \$5,500,000 back into the mines to develop them. It is now a first-class mining camp, and as none of its stock is on the market for sale in any way I am not afraid to give it the credit it deserves as an American undertaking that has done more to make the American name respected in Mexico than all the diplomacy that has been enacted since the two countries became republics.

No Mexican can look at the great mills, the big aqueduct of enormous masonry eight or nine miles long that will take up all the water of the Batipolas river, nor can they look at the town of Batipolas the most active I saw in Mexico now 6,000 strong and less than 500 when Americans took charge, and the thousand and one other signs of activity without respect for the nation that sent in such people, whatever may be their outward signs or talk in the matter. Such then is a brief and I hope interesting account of the largest silver mining company in the world and the greatest American undertaking in Mexico, of which I think, nineteenth of my readers heard nothing owing to its inaccessible position in the very heart of the Sierra Madre range. From Batipolas north or south, this mighty range of mountains lower in height, while the big barrancas do not cut so deep, into their flanks anywhere else as here, giving the finest Alpine scenery to be found in this part of the continent. The Mexico government has generously acknowledged its great work of department and has accorded it a mineral concession of 64 square miles directly surrounding the mines.

Hardat Work.

Nearly one hundred eminent persons are now engaged in preparing valuable and important contributions to The Youth's Companion for 1890.

Mr. Gladstone is getting together his reminiscences of Moly, the Historian; Justin McCarthy is writing all his personal recollections of great Prime Ministers; Sir Morell Mackenzie is thinking of what he shall say to the Companion readers on the training of their voices in youth; Captain Kennedy is recalling the exciting episodes of his five hundred different trips across the Atlantic, and making notes for his articles; P. T. Barnum is preparing the account of how he secured his White Elephant; General Wolsley is arranging to tell the boys how they can endure hardships; Carrell D. Wright is securing statistics about the boy and girl laborers of America, what they do and what they earn; Hon. James G. Blaine is writing a paper for our young politicians; popular authors are at work on serial stories; the presidents of three leading American colleges will give advice to boys on their future; Tyndal and Shaler are to talk about the wonders of nature; Marion Harland promises to entertain the girls, while Lieutenant Schwatka will take the boys in imagination to the lo-n-liest place in the United States.

There are hundreds of pleasures in store for the Companion readers of 1890. Every one is hard at work, as you see. \$1.75 will admit you to 52 weeks of these entertainments. Send for Full Prospectus for 1890 to The Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass.

Albuquerque is to have a boxing match and the Citizen says several young people of that city are in training.

DISCOVERY OF THE PECOS COUNTRY.

From the Field and Farm.

The lower Pecos valley in the eastern part of New Mexico, to which so many incoming agricultural pilgrims are now turning their attention, has a history as old as any other portion of the United States. The first white man that ever set foot upon the soil of the Pecos valley was Cabeza de Vaca, who passed up the Rio Grande river towards New Mexico about 1535. In relating the adventures of this wonderful trip, he says in his diary: "The party now arrived at a great river coming from the north (the Pecos) and after proceeding thirty leagues over a level section, met a number of persons who had come out of their towns to receive them, and who welcomed them most hospitably to their houses. They guided them on their way more than fifty leagues, over a rough mountain devoid of water or any kind of food, where the party suffered much with hunger; but having accomplished that distance eyes were gladdened by the sight of a large river, the water of which was sweet high."

Here at a plain at the foot of the mountains Cabeza de Vaca found a considerable population who loaded him with presents, but who tried to dissuade him from going farther west as he wanted to do. They said there was nothing but great deserts in that direction, and finally prevailed on him to go north into New Mexico, following the course of the Rio Grande. This was about the end of 1535 or the beginning of 1536 and is the first recorded instance of a white man having trod the soil of that great territory now known as New Mexico.

THE FAMOUS NAVAJO BLANKETS

Have achieved a reputation for durability, second to none in the world. A brief description of the process which produces these indestructible blankets may prove interesting.

The Navajo tribe of Indians own immense flocks of well-bred sheep and the wool clip averages 1,500,000 pounds annually. A part of this finds its way into the regular market through the traders, but the greater portion is carefully selected for the manufacture of blankets. After being cleaned, carded and dyed by a process known only to themselves, the wool is ready for the loom. The weavers are important personages and will only perform the labor of making the blanket, therefore the work of erecting the hogan which contains the loom devolves upon the squaws. The hogan is made by planting six rough-hewn poles about eight feet high in the earth at regular intervals, forming a small square. On top of these boughs of trees are placed to form a roof and shade from the burning rays of the sun. The center poles form the sides of the room and about a foot from the top and bottom cross poles, with holes bored through them for the warp, are securely lashed with rawhide thongs.

The warp is made from the fibers of the yucca tree. It is treated in a manner known only to those who prepare it and the secret will not be divulged to a white man, therefore their blankets can only be duplicated in quality and texture by themselves. Formerly these blankets were made solely for their own use, but since they were conquered by the government and thrown almost entirely upon their own resources for a livelihood the value of their blankets was impressed upon their minds by traders and has become the leading industry.—Gallup Observer.

From Fremont, Nebraska.

I have had scrofula until it made my life a burden. I was impossibly miserable, sick, weak, sleepless, and unhappy; desiring that the short time which seemed to have been allotted to me on this earth would hasten to an end. I tried doctors' treatment and medicine, and travel, but none of these did any good, for the scrofula gradually grew worse. One physician, who traveled far to see, and to whom I paid \$150, gave up the case as hopeless after three weeks of treatment, and other as treatment, and other as prominent physicians tried hard to cure it, but were equally as unsuccessful. I then gave up all other medicines, and took only Swift's Specific (S. S. S.). Four bottles that medicine cured me, and for the past four years I have had an excellent health and I am as free from disease as anybody living. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude and favorable opinion of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.).

The above is an extract from a letter written under date of July 18, 1889, by F. Z. Nelson, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Fremont, Nebraska.

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NEWS NUGGETS.

Various Items of News Gathered from Our Exchanges and other Sources.

Tucson Star: Miss Nellie Cashman is visiting with Mrs. E. J. Smith, of this city. Miss Cashman has just returned from a trip to Africa, and is here in search of a crew to accompany her to that country to explore a hitherto unheard of diamond region. Her reason for desiring help from Arizona is that men from this locality are more reliable, courageous, and can endure more hardships than any other men she has met with in her travels.

The crazy man who has been confined in the county jail at Albuquerque for about a month died there. New Mexico needs a lunatic asylum.

Gov. Prince has received from the National railway electric and industrial exposition of St. Joseph the diploma of award which was granted to New Mexico for making the best display of minerals and ores at the exposition held there last month.

The water experts who located wells in the Jarilla mountains, Lincoln county, and who operate with the Heerdegen water indicator, will investigate the arid portions of Texas next month.

A pretty good hog lie in the Albuquerque Citizen: A big weighing 875 pounds which had been fed on corn for only two weeks (at that time weighing 200 pounds) by Joe Farr, is on exhibition at the meat market of David Farr, corner of First street and Gold avenue. This is conclusive evidence that hogs grow fat in New Mexico in an exceedingly short time.

It is probable that the Union Pacific has made a combination, whereby it practically absorbs the Fort Worth & Denver road. The Chicago & Alton has already been thus taken in. This completes one of the most stupendous railway combines the country has ever witnessed. Denver hopes to profit largely by these deals.

Herald: It takes a pretty shrewd man to get ahead of a Mexican customs official but the average Arizona cow man comes about as near it as any other man. Some time ago a Santa Cruz valley cattle man went into Sonora on business and was, as is the custom, required to give bond at the Saaba custom house for the return of his saddle horse. On the return trip, when within ten miles of Saaba the horse died. Going into the custom house he stated the facts but it was no go and the officials demanded that he pay the amount of the bond. He then introduced witnesses who described the horse and testified that it had died ten miles south. This would not do and the customs officials insisted that he must pay. Now he hadn't been in the cattle business on the border all these years without learning a trick or two. He quietly winked at himself and went off and hired a teamster to haul the dead horse up to the custom house door. The officials with an air of great dignity examined the corpse, found the brands and marks all right as described on the bond and remarked "bueno." The thrifty cow man echoed back "bueno!" leaped into his saddle and rode off leaving the now pretty well puffed up remains at the custom house door.

Optic: Old man Green stands pat on his dignity to-day and baits the passers-by with the time-to-day remark that twenty-three years ago yesterday he first established himself on a ranch on Arroyo Pecos near town. Then it was no uncommon thing for him to shoot at prowling Indians and other wild beasts from the front door of his shanty.

Uncle Jerry Rank, the secretary of agriculture, waxed eloquent in the peroration of his first report. He says: "The great nations of Europe strain every nerve to make science the handmaid of war. Let it be the glory of the American people to make science the handmaid of agriculture."

Eddy Argue: The two Chinamen, Limb Lay and Joe, who left here about two weeks ago, stopped at Pecos and started a laundry. Tuesday night their establishment burned to the ground, and their cremated bodies were discovered in the ruins. It is believed that they were murdered, and that the murderers fired the house to hide the crime.

The Springer Stockman advocates the creation of a new state out of a portion of New Mexico and Colorado, to be called the state of Raton, with the capital at Trinidad.

A Kingston man has gone to Leadville to spend the winter. He says New Mexico's winters are too warm.

Alfalfa hay is selling in San Marcial at seventy-five cents a bale.

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