

MINING STILL PROGRESSES

Mother Lode Mines Yield Great Riches.

TWENTY STAMP MILL TO BE BUILT AT THE UNION

The Royal Consolidated Mines Keep One Hundred and Twenty Stamps Dropping.

AMADOR COUNTY.

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It has been decided to put up a mill at the Central Eureka mine large enough for twenty stamps, but only ten stamps will be put in at present.

Lincoln-Sutter Creek.

It is reported that some very good rock is being taken out of the Lincoln mine at the 500 level, also that cross-cutting continues.

Barney's Chlorination Works-Drytown.

Mr. E. S. Barney, proprietor of the Chlorination works at Drytown, was in Jackson yesterday.

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LOCAL CLEANINGS.

The Result of a Peep Into Our Reporters' Note-book.

Closing-out sale of agate-ware at Freeman's. 2-23-1t.

Wm. J. McGee has been here this week attending Court. 2-23-1t.

Jacob Surface of Lone, was a county seat visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. T. D. Stewart of Lone, was a County seat visitor Monday.

F. M. Whitmore, the Sage of Antelope, is at the White House. 2-23-1t.

Thomas Conlon has been afflicted with a touch of the grippe this week.

Fire display of spring dress goods at Gilbert's Department Store. 2-23-1t.

Charles H. Crocker went to San Francisco Saturday on legal business.

Endless variety of flower, vegetable and grass seeds, at Freeman's. 2-23-1t.

Dr. E. E. Endicott returned from San Francisco last Saturday evening.

Get your measure taken for a fine suit at the White House. 2-23-1t.

Ladies' spring and summer skirts at Gilbert's Department Store. 2-23-1t.

"Queen's Evidence" at Love's Opera House St. Patrick's Day. More about it next week.

New stock of 22-caliber rifles, air rifles and shotguns, just received at Freeman's. 2-23-1t.

Remember St. Patrick's Day Entertainment to be given in Love's Opera House, March 17th.

Gentlemen's spring and summer golf shirts at Gilbert's Department Store. 2-23-1t.

J. F. Stewart, of Reno, Nevada, eldest son of Mrs. T. D. Stewart, was in Jackson Monday.

Superintendent Thornton of the Shearwater mine, near Plymouth, was in Jackson last Sunday.

Frank Reed, late miner at the Argonaut, left for Colorado last Saturday to engage in the same business.

Mrs. E. Bradshaw and Miss Lillie Bradshaw, of Pine Grove, are guests of Miss Hilda Clough this week.

County Recorder D. A. Patterson is improving slowly, but is not yet able to resume his duties at the office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maguire and son, of Mokelumne Hill, visited relatives in South Jackson on Wednesday last.

Five thousand spring samples of clothing, the latest patterns, on exhibition at the White House. 2-23-1t.

Fine April shower in February last Sunday. A warm and gusty rain, and a welcome visitor throughout this section.

The LEDGER acknowledges a pleasant call, Monday afternoon, from W. A. Bonnett, one of Lone's prominent business men.

Mrs. Annie Tilden, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Oliver Clark, of South Jackson.

There is talk of a two-story frame business house being built on North Main street, on the lot just south of the old Enterprise Stable.

George L. Wright, searcher of records, and C. M. Smith, principal of the Jackson Gate school, visited Drytown and Plymouth on last Saturday.

Attorney S. J. Brun of San Francisco, representing the French Consul, was in town last Saturday on business connected with the Gustave Boichgrain estate.

Sheriff Gregory is putting in a concrete wall in front of his residence, which is to be surmounted by a handsome iron fence, now being constructed by John Martell.

Messrs. W. W. Douglas and E. S. Hamilton, of the Southern Pacific Company, with H. Vischer of San Francisco, and S. K. Thornton of Plymouth visited this camp last Sunday.

S. N. Spagnoli visited Sacramento last week and was absent several days.

From him we learned of the serious illness of one of the boys, named after Henry Eudey and P. Eudey, and they had no moneys in their possession being loaned to the lodge and Thomas' bank account was overdrawn.

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Result of Valentine Entertainment.

I desire to express my thanks to all the friends who helped so generously to make the Epworth League Entertainment a success, by their gifts and their patronage.

The following figures speak for themselves:

Table with 2 columns: RECEIPTS, and amounts for Tickets sold, Donor receipts, and other items.

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Total expenses, \$30.75. Net receipts, \$119.50.

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A BOND SUIT IN COURT

B. R. Breese et al. vs. S. G. Spagnoli et al.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS BROUGHT THE ACTION

The Late J. P. Thomas, Former Treasurer of the Lodge Causes the Present Litigation.

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The case of B. R. Breese and James E. Dye Jr. against S. G. Spagnoli and Andrew Porovich was tried in the Superior Court during this week. This is a case where the plaintiffs represent Rathbone Lodge, No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and the case was brought to recover \$149.73 from the defendants as bondsmen of J. P. Thomas, the Treasurer of the Lodge.

The case came up before Hon. R. C. Rust for trial, F. J. Solinsky and W. J. Mottel appearing as attorneys for the lodge and D. B. Spagnoli, A. Caminetti and Neil A. Macquarrie for the bondsmen.

The first witness for the lodge was H. S. Thornton, the Grand Secretary of the Knights of Pythias. His testimony was taken some time ago and consisted of identifying the grand constitution, constitution of subordinate lodges and the charter of Rathbone Lodge, which were admitted in evidence.

Tuesday morning James Bonnett was called and identified the by-laws of the lodge. B. R. Breese was called and acted as Recording Secretary of the lodge, he being the only witness for the lodge. His testimony in substance was about as follows:

That he was one of the plaintiffs in the action and had been authorized to bring suit by a resolution passed by the lodge, and also as successor in office to William Sobey, the Chancellor Commander, in whose favor the bond was made payable. He has been a member of the lodge since 1896, and has acted as table manager during all the time since then, with the exception of six months during which time he served as Chancellor Commander or the presiding officer of the lodge.

He then produced a bond made by the defendants on it as sureties for J. P. Thomas as Treasurer for \$2000, for the term commencing July 1, 1898, and ending December 31, 1898, or until his successor was installed. The bond was presented and approved by the lodge on September 23, 1898, with the understanding it would be sworn to on the next day; this was done and the bond had been in his possession ever since.

He was sworn to by the lodge, and by Thomas, showing the amount of money on hand at that time. As secretary he had also kept an account as a check on the Treasurer; this was admitted in evidence as it showed the amount of money on hand at that time.

On cross-examination he testified that at the beginning of the term Thomas presented a bond with P. Dwyer and M. Newman as sureties on it, and it was accepted by the lodge. On September 23, 1898, the bond was applied to the lodge to be released and that Thomas then presented a new bond covering the full term for July 1, 1898, with Spagnoli and Porovich as sureties, and the bond was released.

No report was made by Thomas at that time, as the new bond covered the full term and the lodge had his report for the commencement of the term of the lodge, and made that he knew of no Thomas from January 1st to 12th to pay over the funds, and that Thomas was sick nine days before he died, part of the time in bed; when he died he was up, had his clothes on and was able to walk, and was a supporter. After he died the lodge appointed a committee to examine into the affairs of the lodge.

The committee called on Ruel Parker, F. W. Barker and W. W. Packard, and they knew nothing about Thomas' affairs, except the conducting of his store. Thomas had told them when the time came to turn over the funds to the lodge the money would be on hand, and he would be ready to complete the same.

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February 16.—A strong force of rebels attacks American garrisons in Luzon.

February 17.—Filipinos forced to retreat before the Americans.

February 18.—Military operations in the Philippines very successful.

February 19.—Several military promotions are made through bravery in the Philippines.

February 20.—Army defects are to be remedied.

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