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Letter From Nevada.

Mary Mine, Blair, Nev.,
May 15, 1908.

Editor Ledger:—
Dear Sir—While meditating of old Amador county it occurred to me to write a line to your valuable paper, which I am glad to say, we have the pleasure of reading regularly every week. And it comes as a letter from home to myself, as well as the rest of all the Amador county boys which are here, and there are many of them here. At times it makes one think he was either in Jackson, Sutter, or the great city of Amador, and a more jolly whole soul crowd of men and youngsters it would be difficult to find. And as for their work you can't beat them. Andrew Noce, whom most everyone in Amador county as well as adjoining counties knows as a mining man of ability, has had charge of this property for a year or more, has achieved some of the most economical mining known in South Western Nevada, and I venture to say in the state. And I am proud to be able to write since the commencing of this short epistle of Nevada, Noce has been put in full charge of the property as superintendent.

The Pittsburg Silver Peak Mining Company is now one of the best equipped mining properties in the state, and perhaps one of the greatest mines on the coast. The Mary Mine, with many more mines in conjunction, is simply a mountain of ore. The mill which is situated at the town of Blair, a distance of two and one-half miles by the way of the cable tramway, being a 100 stamp mill running full capacity, and supposed to be one of the best in the state. The ore is transported from the mine to the to the Head House at the top of the train a distance of a mile or more by an electric locomotive, carrying a train of eight cars, and one-half ton to the car. The mine at this time, and I would say for years to come, will be a tunnel proposition, making it a mine of good ventilation and desirable working. This company is now installing a three hundred horse power compressor, the latest of the Ingersoll type, supposed to be the best. Geo. O. Bradley, a very able mining man, is widely known as general manager of this property.

Among the Amador county boys I will mention a few which I think most of you know: We find Long Reube Ford, Earl Liversedge, John Noce and Bradshaw as shift bosses. We take a look in at the blacksmith shop door, and find there Major Lathlean, an old time Sutterite of Wildman-Mahoney fame, handling the tongs as of old, also we see the smiling face of Johnnie Redpath, one of Sutter's merry good, boys in full charge of the Wood Brothers drill sharpener. He turns out drills like hot cakes on a hot stove. Then we see John Cassinelli as conductor on the motor train. We also find here Bill Moony, or as we call him the man in the moon; also Figgie Arditto, Nick Arditto, Bill McLaughlin, and many more too numerous to mention. Old Sagebrusher.

Church Notes.

On Sunday May 10 services will be conducted at the Methodist church as follows: The pastor will preach in the morning on "Faith and the Christian life," and in the evening on, "A great question, What has Christ done for me?"

Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The official board will hold its monthly meeting at the church on Tuesday evening May 26, all the officials are requested to attend. All interested in church work are cordially invited.

EPISCOPAL.

Regular services will be held in St. Augustine's Episcopal church as follows:
11 a. m.—First and third Sunday in each month.
7:30 p. m.—Second and fourth Sunday in each month.

To Call Pastor.

One—Rev. Campbell, sent by the California Presbytery, came here from Sacramento Saturday and Sunday held services in the Presbyterian church. The Presbyterians are quite strong here, and have a handsome church edifice and beautiful parsonage. For some time they have been without a regular minister. It is hoped that the church will be kept open and Rev. Campbell definitely engaged.—Bee.

Ledger and Chicago Weekly Inter-Ocean, both papers for one year \$2.50 in advance.

Will Take Trip to Native Land.

Several of our citizens contemplate taking a trip to their native land next month, expecting to start about the 10th of June. Among them may be mentioned W. J. Harvey, the foreman of the Zeila. He has secured six months' leave of absence, commencing the first of next month. This vacation will be used in the trip, accompanied by Mrs Harvey, to England, the birthplace of both of them. Mr Harvey recently sold his dwelling house, and furniture and from this the impression has been received that he would not return. But this is not justified. It is his intention to come back. He has been away from the old country for twenty years, and after such a lengthened stay in this county, it would be very hard to get back into the ways of the old world.

Another party that expects to start for Europe about the same time, consists of Louis Poggi and wife, Domenico Boro, D. Bernardo, Wm. Tam all of Jackson, and Mrs Anita Retagliata of Amador City. Poggi has not seen his folks for 35 years. This party will probably go direct to Italy. They are all going on a visit intending to be away from three to six months.

Eastern Star Entertainment.

Last Saturday evening was one of especial interest at Masonic hall, the occasion being the official visit of the grand worthy matron of the order of the Eastern Star of the state of California, an event occurring not oftener than twice in five years. The incumbent, Miss Emma Riehl, was met at the R. R. station by Mrs Zumbiel, worthy matron of Golden Star Chapter No. 66, who entertained the honored guest during her stay in Jackson.

The hall was decorated for the occasion in an unusually tasteful manner, festoons of flowers being mingled with long lines of miniature flags, giving a novel and pleasing effect. A large attendance was present, and the head of the order carefully inspected the qualifications of the present custodians of the Mystic Chain. After this a banquet was spread, which needs no praise beyond saying it was such as the sisters of the order usually prepare. Then a rich feast of mental entertainment followed, serious, witty, solemn and mirthful. All present felt that such events come only too seldom.

Monday a delegation from the order escorted Miss Riehl to Mokelumne hill, where she was to continue her official duties.

Property Attached.

An attachment was placed Tuesday on the electric pole line which follows the I. & E. and a lot adjoining the high school and S. P. right of way in Ione. This is the outcome of the suit brought by Fred Rabb of Sutter Creek against the railroad company, Charles Erickson, D. McCall and Jackson Dennis, and is to secure the payment of a note for \$4000, and of which there is still a balance due.

New Canvas For The Italian Picnic.

A new tent has been purchased for the forthcoming Italian picnic. The tent has already been erected at the depot awaiting to be moved on the grounds, and this will be done about the middle of next week. The tent is in the form of a parallelogram 75x65 feet, and made something after the fashion of a circus tent. It will be much more convenient and cosy than the old affair, arrangements are being made for shutting out wind and storm if necessary. The old tent had become useless to withstand the effects of a slight wind. We understand that a large number of distinguished persons from San Francisco are expected to attend, including the Italian consul. Everything points to a festival of more than usual attraction this year.

Cemetery Notice.

All fraternal organizations and individuals wishing their plots in the cemetery cleaned for Decoration day, May 30th, will please see me before the twenty-third of this month to arrange for the work.

E. S. Petois, sexton.

Unclaimed Letters.

Vincenzo Bonin, G. Cozzo, Ottorino Cornaglia, Rennois Love, jr., Carlo Lorenzelli, Fero Luburich, Sino Kuljich, Maretto Piampiani, Lorenzo Rosa.

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MINING NOTES.

Mine is Bonded.

The Dane and Mitchell quartz mine and mill, which is located near Pine Grove, has been bonded by the owner, John F. Davis, to John J. Cranmer of that place. Cranmer is to take possession on the first of the month, and must start operation at once. He agrees to sink the shaft 100 feet below the present level within the next year, and one-fourth of the clean-up each month is to go to the present owner to be applied upon the purchase price. \$5000 must be paid by this time next year, and an equal amount the following year, when a deed will be given for the property. The ten stamps on the property are to be running within the next couple of weeks. The ledge on this claim is known to carry good values, and with the proper management will probably become a large producer.

Argonaut—This company has started the sinking of a new prospect shaft about two thousand feet south of the old one. It is the intention of the management to prospect their ground thoroughly. If they do not strike the ore body in one place they will try another. At the 1600 level the values show up very well, and it is hoped that they can strike the same body from a new shaft. Besides which, this would give them better ventilation throughout the mine. Whether the shaft started within the past few days will be the permanent one is not determined; this will depend upon circumstances. Sinking operations are being pushed along as rapidly as possible. The mill has been kept going, but not to its full capacity. It is expected that milling operations will be curtailed during the development operations now in progress. There is little doubt, however, that this mine will come out all right. It is almost a certainty that good values will be opened up below the present workings. The trouble has been that prospecting and development work were allowed to lag behind, until the ore bodies in the opened levels were almost exhausted. This applies only to the vicinity of the shaft, where practically all the rock that has supplied the mill has come from. The central and south portion of the Argonaut ground, as well as the Hoffman field, which is also the property of the Argonaut company, is virgin ground. And there is every reason to believe that pay rock will be found in this large extent of unexplored territory. It is to this end that the surface operations have been started in this field, so as to locate a desirable point to sink a permanent shaft. Another shaft will greatly improve matters from a ventilation standpoint.

Fremont—The work of clearing the shaft of the debris caused by the fire

is almost completed. They have reached beyond the 1100 level. The skip was found at about 1150 feet. It had become detached from the cable either by the effort to raise it or the fire had burned the rope. It had fallen some 50 feet from where it got caught. No human body or remains were found near the skip, which tends to dispose of the reports concerning a man being caught under the skip. The work of clearing has progressed much more rapidly than was anticipated, and the expense, although great, has not been anything like so heavy as it was feared it might be. It is hoped to have the full number of stamps in operation by the first of July, and also that the era of dividends will again be inaugurated in a short time thereafter.

Defender.—F. B. Joyce was down from this mine Wednesday, bringing the output of bullion for the past month for shipment to the mint. The mine is looking well, and the product continues to be satisfactory. We understand the yield last month averaged over \$6 per ton in free gold. The cost of mining and milling is about four dollars per ton, so that at the present rate the stockholders have fully one-third of the product, excluding sulphurets, as net profits.

Shot a Bear From Train.

The Yosemite tourists on the train Sunday night had some excitement which some said gave them their money's worth without going on to Yosemite. It was not a holdup, but a genuine bear hunt. The train was proceeding up the canyon when conductor Monet saw a large brown bear in the first gulch above Sweetwater creek on the opposite side of the Merced river from the train some 300 yards distant. He quickly signalled the engineer to stop and reached for his 25-35 high power Winchester. By this time the tourists had their eyes on the bear and the conductor and his gun. With the crack of the rifle Mr Bear lunged his full length into the air and fell over dead into a clump of bushes, the bullet having struck him in the back and passed through the body. Evidently he had just come out of his winter quarters, for his hair was long and bleached. It is in this gulch that the travelers on the train have been treated to the sight of a herd of deer every evening for the past two months and brun is the one who has scared them away.—Merced Sun.

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THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The democratic state convention which assembled in Fresno on Tuesday, was dominated by Theodore Bell, who managed to dethrone the old-time boss, Gavin McNab, and take the sceptre in his own hands. He seemed to run things with a higher hand than the erstwhile leader ever dared to do. The point on which it is said McNab was unhorsed was the matter of instructing the delegates. The forces marshaled under Bell were in favor of instructions for Bryan for president, in accordance with the wishes of the man from Nebraska. McNab, on the other hand, favored an uninstructed delegation.

The delegates to the convention which assembles in Denver on July 7, are as follows:

First congressional district—J. E. Baker, Modoc; John F. Quinn, Humboldt.

Second congressional district—Thomas Fox, Sacramento; W. P. Lynch, Butte.

Third congressional district—Robert McKillican, Alameda; S. J. Sill, Alameda.

Fourth congressional district—Justus S. Wardell, San Francisco; Charles Edelman, San Francisco.

Fifth congressional district—H. A. Blanchard, Santa Clara; Nicholas Bowden, San Jose.

Sixth congressional district—Geo. E. Catts, San Joaquin; M. K. Harris, Fresno.

Seventh congressional district—Milton K Young, Los Angeles; I. B. Dockweiler, Los Angeles.

Eight congressional district—E. F. Thomas, Santa Barbara; Eugene E. Capps, San Diego.

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