

# AUKUM

We ate our dinner in Truckee awaiting the narrow gage train which had not yet arrived from Tahoe City. With impatience we loitered about, straining our eyes in fruitless effort to see the train come through the narrow defile that the Truckee river has cut through for countless ages—but no train was to be seen. A keen sharp whistle from a motor car coming from Reno, attracted our attention. Almost at the same moment a locomotive whistle sounded through the gap we had previously been looking at, and a moment after the curling smoke from the locomotive rose in spiral columns along the banks of the Truckee river, and our train came thundering down upon us. The train stopped only for an hour, when I was ready to return. The engine was of the same pattern used upon broad gauge roads save that they were much smaller. We kept the course of the Truckee river running along beside it and crossing and recrossing it. The little stream clear as crystal flowed with a gentle gurgling sound with its course onward. As the water deepened it turned from a transparent crystalline to the deep blue of a surging sea. As we speed along, huge mountains rose sheer and precipitous above. As we cross the wagon road the shrill screech from the locomotive echoed and re-echoed as if screaming over the wilderness that surrounded us. Then nearing the lake, to our left, stood the remnants of volcanic action. Molten matter in unique columns stood above us. It was nature's great field of action that molded it into shape millions of years before. Jagged, jutting, hanging, in tufts, it stood in specterous view before us, rising into round shape, rearing aloft the jagged spear

like points; shooting into a thousand fantastic forms. Minarets rose above as if rearing themselves over some ancient citadel where some lord of his manor held his feudal sway. Here was Nature in all its grandeur and glory. The Indians that viewed it first were gone into the shadow and depth of stillness of time. It stood as an everlasting monument to never be forgotten. Evolution might sweep above its head like the hanging colors of the kaleidoscope changing everything and everybody, but this immutable fragment of nature would topple only when the earth bursts asunder through some sweep of nature in its last fearful action.

Once more the whistle sounded, we looked out of the car and the lake was before us. It was both beautiful and picturesque. Looking across the lake from the California side, you see for miles the sheer bare mountains, and contrasting to those on this side covered with evergreens trees and verdure. Looking southward the lake is fringed by young fir and spruce, and deepening into shadowy coves. The sea-gulls flop their white wings in ecstasy, as they flit in play above its pellucid waters. These are aquatic sea fowls. Whither did they come? They are not of migratory nature. They were planted by the everlasting power we know not of if they were conjunctive with the lake itself. The lake has doubtless been the creator of some volcano of millions of years ago, when mephitic air swept in confusion and chaos over this continent with fearful fury. Old Tahoe, the greybearded child has gone to the happy hunting ground, but the shadow of his Indian spirit bears the name of the lake. Twenty five years ago the legislature squabbled over giving the lake an official name. The prestige of Gen. Bigler was reaching out to grasp it, but the Indian whose ancestors trod

untrammelled around it hundreds of years ago, held it securely in their grasp for it is known now far and near and ever to be called, Tahoe, after the venerable Indian of almost an extinct tribe. It is gradually growing into a great summer resort. It is 26 1/2 miles wide and 40 miles long. Real estate is running skyward rapidly. Upon a bulletin board I saw the announcement, "Lots from \$1300 up." The narrow gauge road brought in alone 40,000 this season to visit, not saying anything about those that came in autos, wagons etc. The time is not far away when the coast line of the lake will be fringed with the finest residences, and the rich man with his millions will lol in the shades of its trees and drink from the pure cold water of the mountain lake.

CHAS. S. BELL

## Not Sorry For Blunder

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was doomed victim of consumption, I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanderson, of Harrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung-raking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have been for years. This wonderful life saver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, influenza, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Spagnoli's drug store."

## On Visit to Mine

The Kennedy mine was visited by president Hutchinson and director F. F. Thomas and wife from San Francisco last week. The visitors spent several days in looking over the plant and its workings.

## "Fakes" Death To Secure Coin.

Reno, (Nev.) Dec. 14.—Fielder Gravit of Goldfield originated the easiest and most plausible manner in which to secure funds from angered parents when he "faked" death, sent a bogus telegram to his father in Oklahoma and secured \$100 for the purpose of burying himself. The wire was signed by Dr. John Smith, and told of the death of Gravit and asked that money be sent at once to prepare the body for shipping or interment.

The money was sent post haste, collected by the supposed dead man, and spent so freely that he now is in a hospital from excessive drinking. Gravit came from Caddo, Oklahoma, several weeks ago, and soon went through with what money he had when he arrived. Casting about for means to make his parents come to his aid, he devised the death scene.

A friend heard of the joke, and at once wired the truth to the bereaved parents.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Marcus Brown, also called M. Brown, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Marcus Brown, also called M. Brown, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the law office of Wm. J. McGee, the same being the place selected for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said Amador County. Dated December 19, 1910.

H. E. Potter, Administrator of the estate of Marcus Brown, also called M. Brown, deceased. dec23

## Teachers Examinations

The board of education has for the week past been holding examinations for teachers. Ten applications have been presented to the board, eight of which are not residents of the county. Seven of the number are ladies and three are men. The examinations are held in the vacant room in the grammar school building.

The result of the examinations will not be known until to-morrow.

## Shall women vote.

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## To Hold Fruit Shower

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All friends and members of the church are invited to be present and participate. A short program will be rendered, and light refreshments served.

This shower is given in place of a reception, which could not be held on account of so many other public engagements.

Mrs. Brown, Pres. Ladies' Aid.

## Fur Hunting Good

W. S. Dean and W. E. McKinney, who located in old Pino Grande a few weeks ago, to trap for furs, have had remarkably good luck thus far, having 70 beautiful specimens. The finest are 1 large lynx, 1 wolf and 1 beautiful fisher. The rest of the furs are foxes, coons, skunks, ringtail cats, and civet cats. They have also caught 1 large eagle measuring 7 feet from tip to tip, also some immense hawks. They have had one snow storm and that has brought wild animals down from the mountains, and the trappers expect to do better when the heavy snow comes on.—Democrat.

## Wants to Help Someone.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that electric bitters works wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for liver trouble, dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and malaria. Try them. 50c at Spagnoli's drug store.

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