

ELK MOUNTAIN PILOT.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Mountain sheep have been seen during the past week near Irwin.

The silver-tipped cub bear of the Allison brothers, is becoming quite a pet.

George Andrews sold his mining interests on Rock Creek for \$60,000 a week ago.

Jim and Pete Bolivar are drawing crowded houses every night at Blakey's musical entertainment.

Now is the time for some one to start a wood-yard. When the snow comes it will be in demand.

The name of the man who was hung in O.-Be-Joyful Basin was given by him as Jim Gates, from Kansas.

Mr. J. M. Hawkes, representing the Colorado Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co., of Canon City, was in camp last week.

Preaching last Sabbath morning and Sunday School in the afternoon were well attended in the tent opposite the PILOT office.

The large bakery next door to Shurtleff & Co's. erected by Messrs. Field & Kelsey, will be opened by Mr. T. Riley, who will carry on the baking business.

A wooden railway is to be built from Mt. Carbon coal mines to Gunnison City. It is expected that one hundred tons of coal will be hauled over this road daily.

We were shown an ingot of silver from about twelve pounds of ore from the Diabola mine. The first fine bullion extracted in Ruby. It weighed 4 1/2 ounces, 99 3/4 fine.

We understand that Mr. Grant, of the Leadville smelter, has purchased 300 acres of coal lands at Crested Butte, from Stearns & Beaman, for the purpose of erecting large smelting works. The *Chronicle's* article on "Gunnison Gone" does not seem to have retarded the rush from that place to the fissure veins of Ruby Camp.

The Ouida lode is a recent location made by Messrs. G. W. Evans and H. Fairchild. It is situated in the lower end of Peeler basin, three miles from Irwin. The vein is about four feet wide, and is composed of chlorides, galena and brittle silver, and will eventually be a big mine when developed. It is an extension of the North Star, for which \$40,000 was recently offered.

The Mountain Prince lode, which is located on Ruby mountain near the mouth of Elk basin, and adjoining claim to the Mountain King and Queen, which is owned by Short Bros. & Co., is now being worked by a tunnel which is already down 30 feet, and at a depth of 100 feet under the mountain the lead is 18 inches wide, showing up Rubysilver, and to appearances it will be one of the leading mines in the camp.

W. W. Jones, agent of the Huntington Mining Co., showed us a piece of galena ore from the Redwell basin which looks fine. Mr. Jones has secured one-third interest in three mines, and located the Bob Simonton in the basin for his company, and no doubt they will prove good property, as the basin looks better in ore as work is being done. J. M. and Jas. Kelsey and the Huntington Mining Co. own a claim north of the lake, on which twenty feet has been sunk. They have all their assessments worked.

A very rich strike was made in the Ruby King a few days ago. The vein in the main shaft is three feet, four inches wide, and carries ruby, brittle, native silver and iron pyrites, that will assay nine hundred ounces of silver to the ton at a depth of only fourteen feet. The ore is similar in character to the Forest Queen, and it is only a question of time when the Ruby King will be as rich producing mine as the Queen. Col. Holt, who has just arrived in town, is very sanguine over the development of this mine.

ONE KIND OF EXPERT.

We don't like to make any pretensions to what we really do not possess in Ruby, and the following would seem to show that this spirit pervades even our prospectors, to a certain extent, and in a way peculiar to themselves. No names are mentioned, but perhaps the "world-renowned expert" who figured so extensively on our camp in the *Leadville Chronicle*, a short time ago, was the hero.

Two well-known miners and prospectors, regular old timers, have a certain rich lode, not a hundred miles from camp, and have been offered very large figures for a share in it. The boys are used to such things, however, and generally look with supreme contempt on the "well-known expert," who is almost certain to make his appearance, where they are at work, at least twice a week. One of them, making some preliminary inquiries of the boys in town, stated he was only wanting good property. They, of course, invited him to go out and see for himself what they had. He visited them, and, descending the shaft, began picking and slicing off pieces of the foot-wall. He then pocketed large masses of gouge. One of the boys drew his attention, after a while, to the quartz and mineral, breaking off pieces full of the well-known ruby and native silver for inspection, which he threw down again, very much to their surprise.

The next day he gave them the result of the assays which he had made, and told them he could only get two ounces out of the best he had. They said nothing, and he visited them again. When he had descended to the bottom of the shaft with safety, he again commenced on the foot-wall and lead matter. This was too much. The comical partner of the two drew out two revolvers, and sitting astride of a timber, remarked:

"See here, ole man, we can't stand such a racket as this. Do you see that quartz there? Now, Jack, (to his partner) jest gad him off a few hunks and ef he don't see the ruby and native and keep it, too, I'm goin' to see him die right here. You infernal, experim' galoot, clean that gouge and trachyte out of your pockets or I'll," very significantly cocking both pistols, "let go; and if you ever again insult any assayer in town, askin' him to run any more foot-wall, I'll butcher you on sight."

It is needless to say that this "knife-blade" expert went home a sadder, wiser and richer man.

The above is a positive fact, and shows what kind of so-called experts we have been pestered with. A man who is not capable of knowing how to get out of a mine, whether up or down, who is as liable to climb a ladder head down as he is to go down heels up, generally has an exceedingly limited stock of knowledge pertaining to mining and minerals.

Mr. B. F. Fields, Esq., who is, perhaps, working as many claims and employing as many men as any other gentleman in the camp, placed on our table last Tuesday some fine specimens of ore from a few of his mines that are now being worked. The first specimen was from the Tenbroeck lode. It is a galena specimen and carries from 70 to 90 ounces in silver. The vein has only recently been cut into, the workmen all the time thinking it was the hanging wall, but placing a shot in it, the other day, a rich vein of galena it proved to be. This mine is on the same vein as is the Independence, Little Elsie and North Star lodes. The Independence comes first on the vein in Independence Basin, then the Little Elsie, which runs up and over the brow of the mountain that divides Independence from O.-Be-Joyful and Peeler Basins. The Tenbroeck comes next on the vein and runs 11000 feet beyond, where the North Star takes up the vein running in the valley of Peeler Basin. This is unquestionably the largest vein of medium grain mineral in the camp, and produces just such ore as is needed at our smelters. Mr. Fields is now running a tunnel in on the vein of the Tenbroeck and expects to ship ore shortly. The other specimens came from the Clinton, King of the Valley and William Henry. The ore is galena and runs well in silver. These mines are situated between Irwin and Elk Basin, bordering on the creek northeast of the Forest Queen. They are all being worked, and are showing up very satisfactory.

THE SUNSHINE.

The New Galena Lode in Elk Basin Recently Purchased by Messrs. Black & Co.

For some time past our prospectors have been seeking galena lodes, and capitalists are offering fancy prices for the same, as lead ores are in demand at the smelter, they being very essential to the successful treatment of the ruby, native and brittle silver ores that predominate in Ruby Camp. So valuable has the galena ores become that he who has a mine of this character, has something better than gold.

A few of these galena lodes have been discovered in O.-Be-Joyful, Peeler, Readwell and Elk basins. In the latter basin the most promising galena mine is the Sunshine, recently purchased by Messrs. Black, Wilson & Dautremont, the mammoth hardware and drug merchants of Tenth street, who have been watching the developments of the claim for some time. Mr. Black having large experience in the matter of speculating, with the assistance of mining experts, managed to secure the coveted prize for himself and partners, at a nominal figure, and are now rejoicing in its possession.

The Sunshine is about one mile and a half from Irwin, in Elk Basin. At the depth of ten feet it showed a pay streak fourteen inches wide of very fine galena. The vein is four feet wide, and carries more or less silver and lead. Assays from the pay streak give 40 ounces in silver and 66 per cent lead. The pay streak is gradually widening as it is uncovered, and the galena is of a finer grain. The purchasers have put an additional working force on the mine and are preparing to ship ore. We congratulate Messrs. Black, Wilson & Dautremont upon their securing such valuable property, and wish them unbounded success in its workings.

The Mr. Black hereinbefore mentioned, about twelve years ago bought the right of Hill & Jaynes to their barbed wire fence. It was then unknown outside of the county in which the patentees lived and was crude and unsalable. Mr. Black made it practical, advertised it largely and for ten years made a grand success of it. To-day this fence is extensively used in every state in the Union, and is considered the best in the market.

THE ELK MOUNTAIN SOCIAL CLUB.

Last Thursday evening, August 5, a meeting was held in Havron & McDougal's office, at the Elk Mountain Hotel to perfect the organization of the Elk Mountain Social Club. Mr. McDougal was called to the chair. The following committees were appointed for the first ball, which will be given to-night, August 12, 1880:

On arrangements.—Messrs. Spratt, Brann, McDougal, Kyle, Phillips and J. M. McCormick.

On invitations.—Messrs. Whittlesy, Chester, Smith, Phillips, Drs. Reid, and O'Ferrall.

On Reception.—Messrs. Brann, G. R. Cornwall, McDougal, Wright and Shackelford.

Floor Managers.—Messrs. Peters, Spratt, Havron, McCormick and Kyle.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the club to serve for six months, which was the length of time subsequently agreed upon: G. B. Spratt, President; Phil Peters and Dr. Reid, Vice-Presidents; J. M. McDougal, Secretary; Dr. R. M. O'Ferrall, Assistant Secretary; Chas. S. Brann, Treasurer. Messrs. Kellogg, Chester, Shackelford and McDougal were appointed a committee to draft constitution and by-laws. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn to meet again on the following Monday evening.

On Monday evening at eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by Mr. McDougal, and on motion Mr. Spratt was invited to the chair as president elect for the ensuing six months.

The committee on arrangements for the ball to be given to-night reported that Messrs. McQuaid & Thorne had kindly offered the use of their new two story building on upper Ninth street, for the occasion. Also arrangement had been made for supper at the Elk Mountain hotel, to be ready at eleven o'clock.

The Committee on invitation reported that invitations had been sent to everybody that was expected to attend, although there had been possibly some persons unintentionally omitted, and if there were any, the members of the club were requested to see that such persons were provided with invitations.

After the reading and adoption of the constitution, which had been prepared by the committee on constitution and by-laws, the meeting adjourned.

PERSONAL.

Lee Thompson returned from Denver last Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Cornwall, Sr., left for New York city to-day.

F. W. Fuller started for Rosita, Custer county, yesterday, to be absent about two weeks.

Mr. G. A. Hawley, a member of the Gunnison bar, is sojourning in camp for a few days.

R. W. Woodbury, editor of the *Denver Times*, and one of the owners of the Forest Queen mine, arrived in town last Saturday accompanied by his estimable wife.

Col. W. H. Holt, is again with us. He has been at his residence in Colorado Springs, and other portions of the state looking after his mining interest for the past six weeks.

F. T. Southerland, Esq., one of the editors of *Gunnison's new Democrat*, made us a pleasant call Friday last. He was in camp distributing his paper and soliciting subscriptions for the same.

Sprigg Shackelford, the honorable Mayor of Maysville, Kentucky, and a brother to Judge Shackelford, of this place, has been in town for two or three weeks as a guest of his brother. He is very much pleased with this section of the country, and after visiting some of our mines is fully convinced that we have a bright future before us for a rich camp. He has made many warm friends during his short stay, so far, and in all probability will take up his residence here ere long.

Hon. John B. Farwell and son, the dry goods prince of Chicago accompanied by Mr. Blair, also of that place, are in town, and are guests of Mr. B. F. Fields, who by the way, is an old and intimate acquaintance of many years standing. Mr. Farwell is largely interested in Leadville and now comes to the Ruby mining district to examine some of our true fissure veins. His son has been on a tour around the world, and is now on his return home.

Messrs. John G. Adams and W. J. Atwood, from Gothic, who came over with the Grant party Saturday, made us a very pleasant visit. Both gentlemen are old timers in the Elk Mountains and are thoroughly versed in mineralogy and mining. Mr. Atwood was one of the first men to pitch a tent in Gothic, and is now one of the Town Board. Mr. Adams is connected with the *Bonanza*, and can sling a quill as well as a pick. Call again, gentlemen, we will always be pleased to see you.

Col. John D. Henderson, everybody knows him, the man who raised the "black flag" in Kansas in '56, and who started the first newspaper in that state, under an apple tree in '57; also effected the organization of Colorado as a territory in '59, was in town last week to examine some of our "knife blade veins," being sent here for that purpose by New York capitalists. He was only in camp a few days, having pressing business elsewhere, but says he will return in two weeks to remain the balance of the season. Col. Jack's head is level in regard to this camp, as it will be seen by his letters that will be published in the *Leadville Herald*, and *New York Mining Record* from his pen.

THE PALACE THEATRE.

Messrs. Arnold, Smith & Voegt have leased the rear portion of McQuaid & Thorne's large two story building, which is about being completed, and having it prepared for the Palace Theatre. They are having an addition of sixty feet built, and everything is being fitted up in the very best style. Mr. Arnold has gone to Leadville and Denver to bring in their troupe, consisting of twelve beautiful young ladies, who are principally song and dance artistes of the highest reputation. If the troupe arrives in time they will have their grand opening next Sunday evening. These young gentlemen are experienced in the management of theatres, and we bespeak for them a grand success.

The Eureka, owned by Nelson and Ellsworth, has been bonded to J. J. Smith, Chas. and Sprigg Shackelford, for \$18,000, for ninety days. These bondsmen got an assay out of this mine that run 3,113 ounces in silver to the ton. They will work it with a large force and develop it as fast as possible.

BUSINESS.

Money to loan on personal collaterals, by J. J. Smith. 8tf

New potatoes and onions just received at Shurtleff & Co's. 8-11

For accurate returns take your assays to W. H. Underwood's assay office.

The Union Restaurant, Mr. Toeniges proprietor, is setting up meals at 50 cents each. He sets the best table in town.

S. Cullom & Co., Tenth street, Irwin, Colo., have a full line of Boots and Shoes, consisting of miners' fall stock, Calf Boots, Ladies' Shoes, Newport Ties and fancy Slippers. 9

Go to A. M. McElhinney's for your cheap groceries. 7-11

All kinds of jewelry, watches, clocks, &c., at Matt. D. Smith & Bro's., opposite Post-office.

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MARKET REPORTS.

The following prices were furnished to by Messrs. N. Shurtleff & Co:

Flour	\$9.00	Butter, State	50c
Corn meal	8.00	" Ranch	60c
Hay	8.00	Eggs	50c p. doz
Potatoes	7c	Ham	20c
Beef steak	20 to 25	Bacon	20c
Rolling beef	15c	Salt sides	15c
Round	15c	Onions	12 1/2c
Onions	2c		

NOTICE.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Frank B. Place and G. B. Spratt is dissolved by mutual consent: July 31st, 1880.

G. B. SPRATT,
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Watch repairing at Matt. D. Smith & Bro's., opposite Post-office. 8tf

Choice butter always on hand at A. M. McElhinney's new store on Ninth street above the postoffice. 7-11

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An elegant sideboard, with marble top and French walnut panels and mirror, for sale cheap, at Gunnison Furniture Co's. store. 46

To persons visiting Gunnison City will do well by stopping at the Cuenlit House, which has recently been opened in West Gunnison, all newly furnished and everything first class. 5-11

Great Bargains in town lots at G. B. Spratt's real estate and mine broker's office, on Ninth street. 7-11

STRAYED.

From Ruby Camp, a sorrel pony, blazed face, left hind leg white nearly to knee, branded "C. H." and "P. H.," the former above the latter, on left hip. A bay horse, white hind foot, blind in right eye, branded with cross on left shoulder. A bay mare pony, white feet, white on nose, star in face, branded C on left shoulder and L on left hip. Reward for information of either. HOUSE & FOXWOOD.

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