

## THE CHIEFTAIN.

Letter from Black Range.

Grafton, N. M., Jan. 10, 1900.  
Editor of Chieftain:

The outside world seem to have no knowledge of the rich gold camp known as the Black Range, situated eighty miles southwest from Magdalena, from which point there is a good wagon road right to the dumps of the most of the claims. The district is situated on the east side and near the north end of the Black Range. The formation is porphyritic, principally andesite. Occasionally trachyte dykes show themselves, running parallel with the veins. Limestone occurs in isolated places.

It is safe to say that no camp in the United States presents, for the amount of development, as many promising prospects as can be found along the mother lode of the district from Wild Horse Creek south to Dry Creek, a distance of something like eight miles. Every square foot of the mother lode is marked by massive croppings for the entire length. Along this lode are many properties that would, of themselves, make live, producing camps if they were situated in Colorado or any other mining state. A few of the prominent properties are the Ivanhoe, Braxton, Emporia, Ashville, Great Republic, Great Southwest, Keystone, Julia, Chicago, Gold Bug, Copper Queen, all showing the "ear marks" of mines.

The camp was killed in the early eighties by the entire country being secured or controlled by parties who held every ten foot hole at a greater price than whole groups of claims can be purchased for today.

The mineral belt is from four to eight miles in width. There are four strong, well defined veins west of, and running parallel with, the mother lode. Of late these veins have been looked after by prospectors. Rich gold ore has been found on all of them. Some of the principal prospects on the later veins are the Gold Reserve, situated in the bed of Poverty Creek, showing a five foot vein of good milling ore; the Camden, Philadelphia, Sun Set, Silver Dollar, and Eureka. The Eureka has a shaft 30 feet deep showing shipping ore from surface down. The owner, A. D. McDonald, is sinking it to a depth of 100 feet.

As a camp, the Black Range presents a better field for investment than can be found in any other locality in the Rocky Mountains. The Great Republic, Keystone, Chicago, Braxton, and scores of others are destined to make great producers as soon as systematically worked. All that is lacking is men with capital, using it in an intelligent, business-like manner, with plants on the ground to treat the enormous bodies of medium grade ore shipping the high grade ore to make it "The Cripple Creek" of New Mexico.

Walker & Co. are working the Braxton. J. W. Yapple, the all around man, miner and cattle man, is developing his properties. Petrie & Clark are sinking on the Gold Bug. L. K. Terry, an accomplished prospector, recently left for Socorro after spending four months in the district locating and working assessments on several promising prospects. He seems to have "promising prospects" around Socorro.

Gold Strike Near Alamogordo.

A rich gold strike has been made two and one-half miles east of that place. Pannings of the ore show wonderful amounts of free gold. The owners of the find have sunk a sixfoot shaft, all in ore, showing rich values throughout. There is great excitement there over the find, it being the first strike of importance ever made in the mountains east of Alamogordo—Optic.

Mining in the Mogollon Mountains, Socorro County, New Mexico.

### COONEY DISTRICT.

There are few mining localities in the Rocky Mountains that have had the varied border experiences and natural obstacles to overcome that this camp has had, and no other can show a brighter record in unflagging perseverance and grit of the early pioneers.

First locations were made in 1876 by J. C. Cooney, G. W. Williams, F. Vingo and John Lambert, who, however, were prevented from doing even their assessment labors by the Apaches and had to relocate their claims in 1898, at which time they were joined by Wm. Burns and Geo. Doyle. The Apache raids of 1879, 1880, 1882 and 1883 followed, scaring away timid prospectors, and the capitalists whose aid was required to make producing mines out of the prospects held by the pioneers. During those years over fifty of the settlers were murdered by the Apaches within a radius of twenty-four miles. It is only of late years that capital has been invested and the camp placed on a paying basis.

The mines which have made a record are the Silver Bar (or Cooney mine) whose first shipments of bornite ore, after mining, cost two dollars to haul to the mill, and twenty-five dollars wagon freight to railroad, and \$25 railroad freight to Denver, and \$16.50 smelter charges. This mine has \$500,000 output to its credit, and has lately been purchased by Colorado Springs parties who are producing \$500 per day with a five stamp mill.

The Maud S, which was sold to Boston parties, commenced in 1892 and up to 1896 produced \$350,000, but, having struck bornite ore, has shut down rather than change their plant to suit.

North Extension No. 1 Silver Bar produced \$175,000, but the plant erected on the mine was a failure, being mainly an impossible combination of machinery composed of rolls, jigs, fuelcell sizers etc., which lost one-half the values and caused the owner to go broke.

The Little Fannie has produced about \$200,000, but for several years has been in litigation, which now happily is ended, and under new and competent management is preparing to prodge again in the early spring, probably in consolidation with the Maud S group.

The Deep Down, an eastern extension of the Maud S, has produced with inadequate machinery about \$40,000, and is now having a new mill erected and ore extracted for early treatment.

under new management.

The Last Chance, lately purchased by an English syndicate, who are overhauling and repairing the acid eaten plant purchased at Lake Valley, produced under the Bass system of pans, totally unfit for the treatment of the ore, about \$100,000.

The Confidence mine, now being developed at the 6th level, shows larger bodies of high grade ore than at the surface. It has been thoroughly equipped with electric hoists, and with large ore reserves will soon start the mill again which has been shut down temporarily for development. This property has produced about \$400,000 and under the present management, John T. Graham, of Denver, will double that the coming year.

There are other good prospects which are being developed which will make producers at an early date and the future looks bright to all those lucky enough to own claims. The advent of Denver capitalists into the camp is considered by the knowing ones to be a forerunner of the extension of the D. & R. G. railroad from Durango down to Gallup and through the Socorro coal fields and Mogollon mining camps to Gold Hill and Lordsburg, on the S. P. As many of the directors of this road, including Dave Moffatt, are interested in the camp the proposition looks plausible.

Cooney district boasts of four towns and three post-offices. In my next I will describe the Wilcox and Teluride districts in the same range.

Yours

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The Socorro Social Club met last Friday evening in Smith's club rooms and passed the evening very pleasantly at high five. The following prizes were awarded: Lady's first prize, glove box, to Mrs. J. H. Hilton; lady's second prize, card stand, to Mrs. Berry; gentleman's first prize, whisk broom, to Nathan Price; gentleman's second prize, paper weight, to W. H. Winter. There was the usual large attendance.

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### ROBERTS MUST GO.

Both the Majority And Minority Reports Against Him.

Washington, January 17.—The Roberts committee concluded its work today and came to a unanimous finding of facts.

There will be a majority report signed by seven members of the committee in favor of exclusion and a minority report, signed by two members, in favor of seating and then expelling him.

The latter two are Dearmond (Dem.) and Littlefield (Rep.)

### AN AMERICAN GOVERNOR FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Plan of Government Recommended by The Commission.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Here is the plan of government proposed for the Philippines by the Philippine commission, after peace has been established:

1—An American governor to control the affairs of the entire archipelago and to be appointed by the president.

2—An advisory council to the governor, composed of Americans and natives.

3—A legislative assembly partly appointive and partly elective, whose acts shall be subject to the qualified veto of the governor and absolute veto by congress.

4—Governors to be appointed for provinces; and the sub-division of the islands into smaller sections, over which Americans or educated natives will preside.

### "Barkis Is Willin."

A private letter from a gentleman in the east says, "You have no idea how much people here are talking about New Mexico. When congress passes the bill to let your territory into the Union you may look for a regular boom."—Journal Democrat.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M.,

Jan. 11, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the U. S. Court Commissioner, at Cooney, N. M., on March 3, 1900, viz: Clement Hightower to homestead No. 2617, for the  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 22, T. 7 S. R. 19 W. N. M. Mer.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Pedro Sarracino, of Frisco, N. M.; Gerónimo Arajo, of Frisco, N. M.; Patrocinio Romero, of Frisco, N. M.; David Jiron, of Frisco, N. M.

EMIL SOLIGNAC,

Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Land Office at Las Cruces N. M.,

January 5, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. S. George U. S. Commissioner, at Cooney, N. M. Feb. 19, 1900, viz: Charles N. Adair, on homestead entry No 2304 for Lot 4 Sec. 1 and lot 1 and sec  $\frac{1}{4}$  ne  $\frac{1}{4}$ , ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 2 T. 6 S. R. 21 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Abe Adair, of Luna, N. M.; John Earl, of Luna, N. M.; Dave Laney, of Blue, Ariz.; C. B. Martin, of Blue, Ariz.

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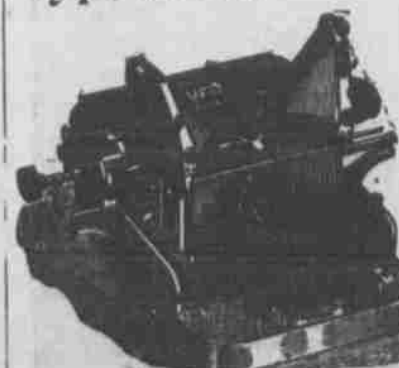
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