

MINES & MINERS

THE ADAMS DIGGINGS.

The Interesting Story of the Mythical Lost Mine.

The story of the Adams diggings is revived by the following letter published in the Albuquerque Democrat: In the fall of the year 1850 while the gold fever of California was at its height, a man by the name of Adams and his three companions were crossing New Mexico on their way to California. Late one evening they came to a path which led them up a short canyon to where they found water and it may be remarked here that water is scarce in that part of the country. They struck camp for the night and during the evening one of the men concluded to try a pan of dirt, and to his great surprise found gold in great abundance. After they were satisfied that they had struck it rich they went to work and built a miners' cabin and prepared to pass the winter in working their claim. In building the place to the cabin they made a box of stone with the hearth rock as a covering for a place of safety to store their earnings. When they had been working the mine for about three months Adams took his gun one evening and went out to kill a deer for meat. When he returned late in the evening he found one of his partners lying in the trail about 100 yards from the cabin, where he had been killed by the Indians. On closer investigation he found the other two killed and the cabin burned down. The first thought with Adams was to get away from there as far and as fast as possible, and as California had been their objective point he started in that direction. As there was no living in that country and the Indians were always on the warpath in that day and time, he traveled in the night and lay by in the day time. After two nights' travel and about 9 o'clock a. m. on the third day he came to a stream or water at which point he marked a cottonwood tree so that he might have something as a guide to assist him in locating his mines sometime in the near future. He then made his way in a westerly direction, traveling for days and days, or rather nights, without seeing any one until at last he landed in California. He there was engaged in different occupations for about twenty-five years, but at all times with the intention of closing out his business and returning to his rich mine in southern New Mexico whenever the country was sufficiently settled to make it safe for him to return. In about the year '78 Mr. Adams sold his two farms in California, which brought him \$14,000. He then returned to New Mexico and began a systematic search for the mine.

On his return to the country where he thought he might be getting some where in the vicinity of his lost mine he found a few mining towns scattered over the country. He informed some of the best men of the country as to his business there, which created quite an excitement. He told them of how he had marked the cottonwood tree; he also produced a nugget of gold that he had taken from the mine and had carefully kept for twenty-five years. He described the stream upon whose banks the marked tree was growing. Some of the old timers who had heard and become interested in his story concluded to help him look for the marked tree, thinking if they found it as described there must be something in the story. After a diligent search of a few days the stream was located—it is now known as the Negro, or Little Black. It is a tributary of the Gila and heads up in the Datil mountains. After a further search of a day or two the tree was found and was marked just as described by Adams, and showed to have been marked many years. Those who were present when the marked tree was found say that old man Adams was wild with joy and said, "Now, if the mine can be found I will be a millionaire and I only want what is hid under the hearth stone, and there are millions in the mines for others."

Adams and his party began searching for the mine proper. They thought the mine would be some forty or fifty miles from the marked tree, so they began the search on that theory, supposing that Adams would have traveled about twenty or twenty-five miles in a night. Adams continued the search for about twelve or fourteen years and squandered the whole of his \$14,000 long before he gave up the search; in fact, he never quit hunting for that mine until death claimed him as its own. He died a poor, old broken hearted man, always saying that there were millions in the mine if it could be found. Mr. Kenock, foreman of the Y Cattle company, who is now a resident of that part of New Mexico where the mine was generally supposed to be, took his outfit of twenty-five or thirty men and put in two weeks looking for the lost mine. Mr. Patterson, who is an old time miner and western man, and is now postmaster at Patterson, near where the mine is supposed to be, has spent about \$5,000 looking for the mine and he is perfectly sure in his mind that the lost mine does exist somewhere in that part of the country.

Adams said that when they discovered the mine the grass was waist high all over the country, so it is generally supposed that fire has long since destroyed all the signs of the mine in building their cabin.

In conclusion, I will say to all those who may chance to read this that the facts herein contained are the solemn truth, as there are men now living in southern New Mexico who were well acquainted with old man Adams and who helped him hunt the lost mine.

GEORGE R. SPOONER.

A NEW KLONDYKE.

A Visitor From Southwestern Arizona Registers From That Place.

Henry C. Brady of Klondyke is registered at the Ford hotel. Mr. Brady left this city some time ago for "Klondyke," and his early return was a matter of some comment at the hotel yesterday among the guests. All persons returning from Klondyke at this stage of the excitement are supposed to bring back bags filled with gold, but Mr. Brady brought nothing back but his blankets and his usual pleasant smile. He would neither confirm nor deny the reports sent out about the streams laden with nuggets which will be the objective point of the thousands of men who are now rushing madly in their direction. Mr. Brady says that the only drawback to the goldfields he visited is a shortage of water. The tanks in the mountains have become dry, and there is no water except in the wells along the trail.

His story was somewhat vague to the reporter, but John Lyons, who went with Mr. Brady, explained that the Klondyke they visited was in southwestern Arizona in the vicinity of the Dead Dog mine. He said that Mr. Brady was so well pleased with that district that he thought it was deserving of the highest praise he could give it and he began right away by registering from Klondyke.

IN A STREAK OF \$40,000 ORE.

Idaho Springs Man May Make a Leap to Affluence.

Idaho Springs, Colo., March 10.—Yesterday Thomas Sauter was the driver of a meat wagon; today he is on the rapid road to wealth. Last week he grubstaked a man who was to go up Chicago creek and prospect, the two to share equally. Today the man stumbled upon an old abandoned prospect, found that the vein had not been carried and put some holes in the wall. He was rewarded by opening into eighteen inches of quartz, through the center of which runs a solid streak of free gold. This is now on exhibition by Sauter at Freestone's meat market. It will run \$40,000 per ton, and is the best showing of gold that has ever been made in this county. If the streak holds out for a week the men will probably clean up \$20,000. The facts of the strike are not public as yet, but when they are made known and the location of the find is given out there is sure to be an influx of people.

NUGGETS FROM THE HILLS.

John Lyons returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit to his Dead Dog mine in Yuma county. He reports mining active in the section he visited. Prescott's smelter proposition seems to have gone a glimmering for the present. The Los Angeles Times of recent date contains an item to the effect that the smelting company which talked smelter for Prescott had been attached for \$3,600.

Prof. G. A. Treadwell, one of the best known mining men on the Pacific coast, came up from Phoenix this morning, says the Journal-Miner. During his stay in that section he will visit the Buster mine, of which his son is superintendent.

Edward Langford, who is putting up the machinery at the Golden States mine in the Dragon mountains, came in yesterday on business and returned this morning to the mine. He states the smelter will be ready to blow in by the first of next week.—Tombstone Prospector.

The differences between the other members of the Springfield Mining company in Yavapai county and Dr. Underwood have been amicably adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties, and, by mutual agreement, Jack Martin has been made receiver. It is expected that the camp will resume its accustomed activity in the near future.

Charles McFadden, one of the old time miners in Cochise county, and well known, died at the hospital Wednesday in Tombstone after a lingering illness, and was buried from the undertaking parlors of C. B. Tarbell. Mr. McFadden was an indefatigable prospector and covered the mountain ranges of the whole southwestern country. He was recently taken seriously ill and was bed-ridden for some time, until death came to his relief.

W. L. Barnum, president of the Watervale Mining company, who is in Tombstone this week was a resident of that place during the days when the company had several hundred men at work in their mines, the Bunker Hill and Rattlesnake, and the Watervale mill kept pounding out the bullion from its ores. Mr. Barnum states the mines of the company are now in as good condition as during the halcyon days and thousands of tons of good ore can yet be hoisted without further development or prospecting. The properties have produced over \$300,000, and the average cost of its production was 70 cents per ounce.

W. A. Scott, representing the Mining and Scientific Press, is making his annual tour of Arizona, and arrived in Prescott yesterday. He will leave for the Bradshaws tomorrow on horseback. He comes direct from southern Arizona; he visited Bisbee, Nogales, Crittenden, Schultz, Table Mountain, Mammoth, Vulture and Wickenburg. While he saw nothing startling, he noticed a substantial improvement since his last visit and a healthy condition as to mining. He says a great deal of mining machinery is coming into Arizona at present. At

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Wickenburg he noticed a ten stamp mill going up on the Garcia mine. He reports considerable work being done at and around Rich Hill where Rich Hill Gold company, composed of Cincinnati capitalists are doing development work on its properties.—Courier.

ON TO GLOBE.

Dirt Will Fly Within a Week—Work Will Commence at Geronimo.

Geronimo, Ariz., March 9.—(Special correspondence of The Republican.)—It was expected that when the regular meeting of the Globe commercial club was held Monday evening Mr. Garland would be present, but he came not. He had occasion to meet Prof. Douglas at the United Globe and this fact caused him to send regrets. The club, before reaching the main topic went through the regular order of business, Joseph H. Hamill in the chair and H. L. Coombs taking notes as secretary. The following gentlemen were accepted as new members: J. S. Cook, late of Winslow; Lewis A. Jordan, recently from Phoenix; M. O. Bonne, O. Byrnes, Henry Dewey, Edward Stewart and S. C. Saylor. Messrs. E. J. Edwards, George J. Stoneman and C. M. Allison were appointed by the chair to examine the law in regard to annexation of property outside of the present town limits, in view of circulating petitions to file with the board of supervisors April 4, with reference to incorporation. There is a likelihood of securing the necessary two-thirds of the taxpayers. The desire is to take in enough outlying land to form a corporate limits one mile wide, east and west, and two miles long, taking in the Old Dominion and United Globe smelters on the north.

Following these material points in the business of the club, came up the railroad question. Judge E. J. Edwards, who had been retained on Saturday as local attorney of the G. V. G. & N. railway by Mr. Garland, desired to speak for President Garland with reference to right of way through Globe. He said that Mr. Garland had no wish to encounter litigation and therefore wished unanimous consent of all interested. He was ready to pay damages to any property over which his road would pass, fairly and reasonably. As at present indicated he would place the assessments and freight depot opposite and east of the public school, coming in from the south-east by the main road which led into Broad, or in other words, the main street of Globe. It would be necessary in cutting off, just before reaching the school house, to establish a grade over the bed of Pinal creek to Pine street, a distance of over 1,000 feet, and filling the intervening space from Broad street to Pine for the depot and yard work at that point. It would involve a well built breakwater of 1,000 feet at great expense to the railroad company, at the same time lessening the exposure to that part of town which has suffered by overflows in past years. The line would run down Pine street (first street west of Broad) necessitating very little change of grade on that street and a fill just north of Kinney's ice works and hotel. Here again it became necessary to rip up as this is a greatly exposed point on the creek aforesaid, a business block and more being on the bed of the creek, practically. He would cross the creek to the rising point north by a bridge of 200 feet in length. Through the opposite side a cut would be made and the grade past Banker's brewery would thereafter be easy to the smelters. As to stock yards they would be really outside of the town limits to the south-east. At present it will be difficult to determine the sum of money to be expended but those who recognize the difficulties to encounter in the matter of establishing breakwaters as above referred to can readily see that considerable additional expense would be incurred in this wise and all a great benefit to the town.

This point was the entering wedge and placed all present in a good mood and there was no dissenting voice

against the proposition as outlined. However, there were those who were not familiar with these facts and one in particular who wanted ten times the value of her property which would not even be touched. It was thought best to get the necessary number of signers among those affected, as it was understood that damages would only be paid to those whose land was disturbed in building the road. Chairman Hamill appointed Messrs. Allison, Martin and Brookner a committee to obtain consent and place the same before the board of supervisors for its action. In view of the liberal offer made by Mr. Garland there is no probability of friction from any source.

Judge Edwards said that dirt would fly in and about Globe shortly after Mr. Garland had made several miles progress out of Geronimo.

Mr. Garland's corps of four civil engineers completed four days' work yesterday. They started southeast of town and when last seen were hunting the stake of the old survey near Kinney's ice works on Pine street. They are to return to Geronimo on Thursday to await orders.

I will leave Globe for a run to Geronimo and return to the county seat to finish my correspondence from that place, which will contain matters of general news and deal also with mining matter.

Our passengers were D. W. W. Quintin, post surgeon at San Carlos and Mr. William Garland, president of the G. V. G. & N. road, the latter taking my seat, by request, with driver Truxell, and thereafter the leading spirit in the Gila valley railroad enterprise handled the ribbons. In Dr. Quintin I found a companionable gentleman. The evening previous (Tuesday) his many friends gave a supper in his honor at the "Tie Lang" restaurant in Globe. The assembled guests included ladies equal in number to the sterner sex.

On arriving at "Sam's" mess house at San Carlos we dined together as Dr. Quintin's guest. While at supper Lieut. Rice, the Indian agent, in answer to the question I put to him said that the treaty with the Apaches had been fully acted upon at Washington. I forthwith wired The Republican this fact and other essential facts. President Garland handed his check for \$8,000 to Lieut. Rice, this being the sum necessary to be paid under the conditions of the treaty.

Before the break of day we were off for Geronimo. While Mr. Garland kept company with the driver I went it alone with "the one too many," this being a story. As we went up the valley Mount Trumbull sent a breath from its snow white sides and overcoats were donned. We noticed dozens of teams, "any old thing" being brought in use to hurry the coke to Globe for the United Globe smelter. The first met were in camp getting coffee ready. Those going to Geronimo carrying "copper bullion, hides and bottles," all in light lots for the

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