

DIAMOND FIELDS.

"TODAY AND FOREVER."

Locations Made at Midnight to be in on Ground Floor.

The talk of the town is diamonds. Since Mr. Hews' first communication to the Sun there has been more or less excitement. Late Friday night and early yesterday the road to the diamond fields was black with vehicles carrying fortune seekers. The ground for rods around the first find has been located and if diamonds are found in quantities proportion to the locations the market will be flooded.

One of the men who strongly denounced the find as a fake made a trip here yesterday and when he returned, after locating a piece of ground, that he could not take \$50,000 for his holdings. His mind changed suddenly after he saw the prospect and they were diamonds pure and simple without the slightest shadow of a doubt.

One man was so enthusiastic that he claimed they could be seen sparkling in the ground and that their rays were dazzling.

Mr. Hews is the center of attraction and he is listened to with a great deal of interest. He is certainly sincere and believes he has made a discovery which will net him a comfortable fortune of at least \$4,000,000. He is planning what position he will make of the money, and for the sake of those who have helped him in days gone by the Sun will state that Mr. Hews will remember them substantially.

Mr. Hews, who is by all the laws of right and justice entitled to the honors of this excitement, called at the Sun office last evening and entertained the office force with a thrilling account of his experience as a diamond hunter. He did not like too much notoriety, but now that he held the center of the stage he was willing to accept it gracefully. He is wrapped up in the diamond question and quotes diamond formations from the best authors until you can't rest. So strong is he in the belief that diamonds are awaiting the pick and shovel that he is almost carried away with enthusiasm for it is he alone in that particular. There are scores in Tonopah who will believe nothing else until they are shown. Men, otherwise conservative, are imbued with the diamond fever, and location notices have sold in large numbers since the announcement that diamonds were to be found in this district.

Coming back to Mr. Hews, he is now bound to hold attention. With his quaint characteristics, his unobtrusive sincerity and his discernible honesty, make of him a subject that attracts admiration and wistful curiosity. That he is not a diamond expert he admits. That he has read on the subject he also admits and says that he rests entirely upon the authorities, if they are wrong, so is he, he states.

As to his honesty as a diamond hunter. He condemns the practice of locating ground whether or not there are any indications. Before staking everything in sight some systematic prospecting should be done. In that event development will result and the country will be greatly benefited. He is deep in wildcatting. Moonlight locations held no charm for this man who has of a sudden risen into prominence. He thinks that the searchlight of day should shine upon those who are searching for riches, whether in the form of gold, silver or diamonds.

Has he found the genuine diamond? He does not state so. Further down in his claim he is firm in the belief that that Mother Earth is holding in her bosom the precious stones that will make him not only rich but famous. Famous—he thinks of that. Like any man in whose veins flow the blood of adventure, he is after fame. Fame, though gotten in an honest way. He would rather be as he is poor and ambitious, than acquire greatness through a fluke or by dishonesty.

The public eye is centered upon Mr. Hews and those who know him will think that the diamond mine will prove a real material. And who would hope otherwise. Think of the issue it would make to Nevada. Her reputation would be enhanced an hundred fold.

Time will tell the story. Mr. Hews' name rests in the balance. Let's hope it won't be found wanting.—Tonopah.

Man builds a castle on a hill,
He makes a chateau or town
And ere the world may know his skill
Another comes to tear it down.
Yet day by day and year by year
Through all the changing centuries,
While men appear and reappear,
God paints his sunsets on the seas.
Not all the years the world has known
Has changed the pattern of the stars—
Though men in conflict for a throne
Have mapped the world with battle scars,
Though men in their own blinded way
Have grown confused of wrong and right,
God still gives them the golden day
And silent glory of the night.

He turns Time's record, page on page,
And writes his history the same,
While men blot out each bygone age
In mistiness of fading fame.
In countless numbers men arise
And try their weakness or their force,
Yet calmly through the endless skies
The earth holds its appointed course.
Man's dreams as deeds to him appear,
And, dreamlike, deeds and words are gone,
But day by day and year by year
We have the sunset and the dawn.
We never come to understand
The trenchant message brought by these—
God limns his sunrise on the land
And paints his sunset on the seas.
—Chicago Tribune.

A NOTABLE DEATH.

Richest Woman in Russia is Buried.

A St. Petersburg dispatch of August 15 says the Kaluga newspapers report the least and amazing burial of Mile. Agava Simbirski, one of the richest and most eccentric women in Russia.

When only 20 years of age Mile. Simbirski, by the death of her father, became possessed of a fortune of nearly three million roubles. Suitables innumerable sought her hand, but the enormously wealthy girl set her affections on an ugly, red-haired gardener, Andrei Vanukhin by name. Furious at her choice, Mile. Simbirski's brother ordered Vanukhin to leave the neighborhood. The gardener refused. Within a week he was found lying dead in a paddock reserved for the use of a half wild boar. Although an evident case of murder, the family hushed things up, alleging that Vanukhin had been killed by the pig which he well knew to be dangerous. Contrary to expectations Mile. Simbirski appeared to accept this explanation. But the joy of her family was turned to despair when the young lady proclaimed her belief that the spirit of her dead lover had entered into the body of his slayer. From that day forth Mile. Simbirski consecrated her life to the evil-smelling hog.

To her order a firm of St. Petersburg contractors built a palatial stony of granite and snow white marble.

The demented lady retained the services of an expert cook, who thrice daily prepared a sumptuous repast for the benefit of the grunting porker. Mile. Simbirski was accustomed to feed the hog with her own fair hands, and only recently ordered a gorgeous silver trough from a well known Moscow manufacturer.

A few weeks ago the unfortunate girl became extremely religious, and insisted that Andrei—for so she called the pig—should fast when she fasted. One night she visited the marble st. From that visit she never returned.

Early next morning the steward discovered his mistress's body terribly mutilated in a corner of the pig's bedroom. Again there were rumors of foul play, but again the family alleged that the pig was the murderer. Color was added to this story by the circumstance that the "fasting" and half-famished boar had mangled one of the arms of his mistress.

In the presence of a vast concourse Mile. Simbirski's eldest brother shot Andrei through the heart. Afterwards the body of the boar was buried in a grave beside that of his benefactor.

Gold and Silver Productions.

The gold and silver productions of the western states since 1866 has been

enormous—the figures taken from the official records are greater than even those actively engaged in the business of mining have any idea of. Doubtless the actual record is slightly in excess of the figures given below, since the statistics concerning production were not watched as closely in the past as at the present time. The following figures show the production of the eleven western mining states during the past thirty-eight years:

	Gold and Silver.
Colorado.....	\$711,000,000
California.....	630,000,000
Nevada.....	504,000,000
Montana.....	424,000,000
Utah.....	208,000,000
Idaho.....	197,000,000
South Dakota.....	116,000,000
Arizona.....	108,000,000
Oregon and Washington.....	76,000,000
New Mexico.....	46,000,000

For a number of years California was the leading producer of gold and the position was not wrested from her for a great many years. Nevada possessed the greatest store house for silver ever known in this history of the world, one mine alone producing \$100,000 per day for over two years. Then Colorado succeeded Nevada as a producer of silver, and later surpassed the record of California in the production of gold ore. Utah now outranks as a producer of silver.

EVERYONE admits that a man may have honestly become a millionaire, but nobody seems to be real certain of his postoffice address.

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