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PLACER GOLD! GOLD!

An \$80,000 Dredging Plant for the Colorado River Under Management of W. H. Lester.

Not Alone Quartzite but Placer Mining is Focusing the Attention of the Mining World on the Territory from Vegas into the Colorado River.

W. H. Lester, mining engineer and one of the real practical mining factors of the west, is bringing his placer holdings to the front on the Colorado river. The tests on these claims are so amazing in their richness as to be at a premium now.

Mr. Lester was instrumental in organizing two companies of 1,000,000 shares each, par value \$1 per share. The companies are the Castle Bar Gold Mining and Dredging company and the Green Tree Gold Mining and Dredging company. One-tenth of the stock was placed upon the market for equipment purposes, and in less than four hours the stock was over-subscribed at \$1 per share in the Temple Bar company. The same applies to the Green Tree company.

An \$80,000 dredging plant has been ordered by the Temple Bar company and is to be in operation on the company's property by Oct. 15th. This dredger will handle 100,000 cubic yards of dirt per month. It will require 12 men at \$5 per day and \$125 per day in fuel to operate the dredger. By actual tests the returns from the ground sampled show more than \$1 value per cubic yard. Figure the profits and gains in this monthly item and the monthly fortune will be something like \$90,000.

A good thing, right at the doors of Vegas.

The above has the incredible about it. More than \$1 per cubic yard, and sufficient cubic yards tested on Temple Bar holdings to assure a gross production of gold of \$40,000,000! It looks incredible that such wealth should be dormant at the gates of the Vegas Wash for so long a time. But such is the calculation, and this calculation is the result of one of the best placer mining engineers of the west, and upon the calculation of this engineer \$100,000 was subscribed by four Long Beach capitalists for 100,000 shares of Temple Bar stock.

This is not boasting, but downright reality. The \$100,000 is placed to the credit of the company and the cash deposit is the safeguard for the Risdon Iron Works of Frisco, who have the \$80,000 contract to have the 100,000 cubic yard capacity dredger per month in operation on the Temple Bar holdings by Oct. 15, 1906.

Hard-headed business men do not fool themselves by visionary prospects. The recovery of the enormous deposits of gold in the Colorado river is a cold-blooded, hard-headed business proposition for the parties who are interested in the same; \$40,000,000 is nature's philanthropy to man. Man selfishly acquires this, but in this acquirement he also enriches the national wealth so much and makes a rich nation proportionately so much richer. This is just what the persistence of W. H. Lester, the locator and promoter of this great enterprise, will bring about.

Mr. Lester was offered by the Eldorado Mining & Dredging company of Fair Oaks, California, \$30,000 for a one-eighth interest before the deal was closed for the dredging plant with the Risdon Iron Works company, and he declined it, from the fact that he knew the ground and is confident that this one-eighth interest warbles "It is worth its millions." No stock of either the Castle Bar or Green Tree company is on the market outside of the equipment stock that has been sold. Not even at par can this stock be purchased at present. The owners are so confident of their repository of natural wealth as to make them oblivious of the desires of capitalists and bankers to acquire additional stock as a rich and juicy holding for the investment of surplus capital.

Vegas will be the clearing house for these bee hives that are being created through nature's great wealth inducements.

GOLD CENTER.

One of Its Prominent Residents Says it Will be Metropolis of Bullfrog.

If Thomas Walter Donovan is typical of the Gold Center, Nye county, Nevada, hustlers, then one is not amiss in taking his prophecy that the thriving little town of which he is so excellent a representative will in the near future be the center of population and the great radiating point from whence all the vast enterprises of the great Bullfrog mining district will be directed.

Talk about enthusiasm and eloquence in behalf of a home opportunity! There are none that surpass Donovan in this respect. Listen to him:

"The population of Gold Center is made up of hustlers. These hustlers know that they have the best location and sites for those vast enterprises that always associate with mining on a large scale.

"Rhyolite and Beatty are good towns, but they will not be in it with Gold Center in a year from now.

"Our immediate exceedingly rich mining features; the surpassing water supply; the superior location; the natural advantages for mill sites and reduction plants, with our location as the entrance point for all that rich section of country, there will be nothing to it other than Gold Center as the headquarters and most popular portion of the great gold fields district of Nye county. And, what is more, we will have more great producing mines close to Gold Center than Rhyolite has today, in the near future.

"Pin your faith to the Gold Center and come with me and get into the band wagon, and take advantage of our great opportunities and you will be rich." It was thus Tom rattled and we all imbibed his faith and enthusiasm.

CRESCENT MINING NOTES.

Joseph Semenev of Crescent was a visitor at Vegas while en route to Helena, Mont. Joe was full of mining news. He informs us that the Lucky Dutchman of that district will sink two shafts of 200 feet each before they will commence cross-cutting. The Lucky Dutchman is proving itself a rich mine.

A shaft is down 600 feet on Calico hill. Sinking will be continued. It is in ore.

The Nippeno Mining company has a gasoline hoist at work. This company is hoisting a good grade of ore.

Andy Short has a contract sinking a shaft on a claim on the west slope of Crystal peak.

Semenev has been sinking a shaft on the Portland, about three miles east of Crescent. He is producing some fine copper ore that runs high in copper, silver and gold values.

Mr. Waddleton is the manager for a Colorado Springs syndicate who are operating about half a mile from town and bringing to the surface some good ore. The Colorado people are pleased with their venture and confidently appreciate the value of their property.

Mr. Shier has a shaft on his property 125 feet deep and invites all to view his workings, being satisfied that his property will do its own talking. Many prospectors are in the mountains and all bring encouraging reports.

C. D. Burkholder, well known to the mining fraternity in southern Nevada, is energetically prosecuting his search for fortune in the richly laden mountains south of Las Vegas. He has excellent and rich showings in his claims and in addition to what he has has six men prospectors in the field opening up and locating new ground at present. He has an eye to the future and knows the value of ground-floor opportunity.

Tom Brown, he who has been in every camp of Nevada for the past four years, is in from the Vincent district. Tom is an old timer. He knows rock; he knows formations; he knows ore and sententiously he says, "By God, it beats anything I ever saw." And then again, "I feel it in my bones that more fortunes will be made in the Vincent district than what will be dug out at Bullfrog." "I was in the latter seventies on the road in South Africa and never saw indications then to equal the indications of the camp now opening so close to Las Vegas." "It took the Catlin strike to awaken you sleepy hollow gang." "A few more strikes like those of the past week and there will be nothing to it but a crazy rush for the district so close to Vegas." "You fellows used to laugh at us when six months ago we told you that great mines would be opened so close to Vegas." "Ah of you want to get in the band wagon now, but it is much harder than it would have been six months ago."

A young man who pinned his faith from the start to the Vincent mining district is Mr. Joseph Evans, a young man of energy and determination. Mr. Evans, has, since the famed mining movement in Nevada, inaugurated by the Jim Butler find at Tonopah, been a steady seeker and searcher after for-

tune in the Sage Brush territory, and notwithstanding temporary successes at Goldfield and other Nevada points he considers the district, now opening up its fortunes, as the one that presents the greatest and best opportunities for a man of talents.

He has been fortunate in securing good claims near Andersonville. He is associated in some valuable holdings with the Collins Bros, N. A. Kuhn and others and unless all signs fail he will ere very long have made his pile. Good for Joe, for energy and persistency always brings its reward and, then, too, Joe is a good, clever fellow, keen-eyed and clear-brained in all things he undertakes.

A ground sample taken from the surface of the Helen Kuhn claim, one of the Golden Triangle company's claims, gave a return of \$21.08 per ton. This showing is greater even than any the world famous Shoshone mine showed on the surface. The Shoshone on surface gave \$4 return and this \$4 value was the incentive that opens one of the great gold mines of the world. The Golden Triangle adjoining the Quo Vadis group and giving such indications on surface promises with development a great future profit distributor.

Many mining men whose judgment is accepted as good are putting their money into Golden Triangle holdings with a view of developing a mine that has every ear-mark of becoming a bonanza producer. The Golden Triangle holdings are the best in the Catlin district.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Gay is another of the fortunate owners of rich contiguous ground in the Catlin camp. Sam feels that there is more in it than his peace position will bring him in a life time. In fact, it does one good to know that so pleasant and good fellow like Sam Gay is on the high road to wealth and fortune.

The Banner Mining company, financed and promoted by R. E. Lake, John Tuck, William Barholder and W. H. West, is getting splendid returns from the workings. The stock of the Banner company is a good buy. Some of their ground is right in the heart of the Vincent district and butts into the Catlin holdings. Lake, Tuck, Barholder and West have the merit in their possession. That means fortune.

Frank Hall, who is operating in and around R. R. pass, is another who proudly exhibits chunks of ore from his claim, located during the past week, showing free gold. It is needless to say that Frank is delighted. The R. R. pass country will be another Catlin section.

D. D. Hickey, the Lincoln Hotel proprietor, is interested in lead and zinc properties, and has valuable holdings adjoining the great Potosi mine.

Walter Joy, the well-known metallurgist, was in town from Kelso Monday. Mr. Joy is manager for the California Mining and Development company. This concern is acquiring many valuable holdings throughout southern Nevada and California. At present Joy is directing the work on the 300-foot tunnel at Kels, hoping to cut a lead which on surface gives good gold values.

MRS. E. A. CULVERWELL DEAD.

Passes to the Great Beyond Surrounded by Sorrowing Relatives and Friends.

From The Caliente Express:
Again the great reaper has visited us and garnered in one of our beloved ones. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Culverwell passed to the land from whence none return at four o'clock Sunday morning and although she had been ill for some time the shock was keenly felt, and more so on account of the high character and social standing of the deceased and the family. Mrs. Culverwell was born in Worcester, Mass., but moved to Santa Cruz, Cal., when quite young. She was married to William Culverwell and moved to Victoria, B. C., where they resided for a number of years, later removing to Santa Cruz, where she continued to reside until the death of the husband after 1905, when she, with her daughter, Miss Alice, moved to Caliente, where they were interested in a valuable estate. When the seriousness of her illness became apparent, friends and relatives were notified and many came from California, Salt Lake and Pioche to render any assistance and comfort within their power and when the end came she was surrounded by those who held her so near and dear. At the time of her death Mrs. Culverwell was secretary

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of the California Pioneers' association and a member of the ladies' relief corps of California. The deceased leaves a daughter, Miss Alice, one brother, Arthur Boyle of Butte, Mont., and one sister, Mrs. M. V. Bennett of Santa Cruz, Cal., besides a number of more distant relatives and a host of friends, who will ever hold her in fond remembrance and all realize that the world is better for her having lived in it. Undertaker Taylor of Salt Lake prepared the remains for burial which were shipped to Santa Cruz, Cal., Tuesday, accompanied by the daughter and sister, where the funeral services and interment will take place.

G. W. Smith, who is operating the Silver King mine at Temple, came in from camp Monday and reports things looking good in that neck of

the woods. W. G. Mrgan, who has been employed at the mine, came in with a very badly lacerated hand caused by a flying piece of rock which crashed through the roof of the cabin. Mr. Morgan can consider himself very lucky as it only missed his head a few inches.

Joe Dempsey spent Friday night in jail and his partner undertook to chastize Sheriff Monahan for the great hardship inflicted when he, too, landed behind the bars. When liberated both hiked for greener pastures where the officers are not quite so alert to the doings of the "traveling" public.

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