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Is in Sight in Gigantic Quartz Ledge Discovered Two Years Ago

AND SINCE QUIETLY PROSPECTED

By Discoverer W. O. Smith of Bonanza Springs.

PROPERTY IS ON BONANZA

Between Placer Claims 73 and 80 Below and Extends Nearly to Mouth of Hunker.

From Friday's Daily. Quartz, that mineral-bearing rock which has been so long and eagerly sought by the miners of this country and upon which in the estimation of everyone depends the future of this camp, has at last been located in incalculable quantities. The discovery was made nearly three years ago and since that time prospecting and development work has been continued until today the ledges stand revealed to the naked eye for miles and miles.

The work has been carried on in a quiet, unostentatious manner and not a word of what has been doing has been given to the public.

Today the prospecting and surveying work stands complete, and the Nugget, through the courtesy of the locator, is enabled to give its readers and the general public the first full and complete account of the work done and the results accomplished.

The properties are situated on Bonanza creek, between 73 and 80 below discovery. It is not simply one ledge but is a mineral belt in which five distinct ledges clearly defined have been uncovered and traced from a point several miles up the Yukon river to Hunker creek.

The ledges run parallel in an easterly direction while the stringers of which several have been located run northerly and southerly.

The first discovery of these ledges

was made by Mr. W. O. Smith, who is well known as the owners of the mineral springs at 76 below on Bonanza.

The discovery was made in April of 1899 on what is now called the Corban claim, situated on Corban hill which lies between Thistle and Trill creeks on the right limit of Bonanza opposite 78 below discovery. In the early part of May the ledge was staked and the prospecting work was commenced. On this claim four shafts have been sunk on the hill. One on the top of the hill showing the apex of the ledge, two in the side of the hill farther down 400 feet apart showing the ledge to be at least that wide and another farther down nearly 700 feet below the apex showing the ledge to be not less than 700 feet in depth. Prospect holes have also been sunk on the opposite side of the creek where the ledge is as clearly defined and as solidly formed. It has been uncovered in the creek bottom and traced back clear to the mouth of Bear creek, where the croppings were as distinct and the ledge has been as clearly shown as at any place where it has been uncovered. This result has only been accomplished after months and years of hard work by Mr. Smith, who has spent thousands of dollars besides his entire time since coming to this country in 1889 in discovering and prospecting these ledges. He has worked in the face of the most trying difficulties and been called the Quartz crank by the placer miners but he has persevered with the work and has now possession of what is, in the estimation of mining engineers and quartz miners, a number of whom have been shown over the property, the greatest and richest proposition in the country.

In the Corban group there are ten claims on all of which enough prospecting work has been done to show the ledges clearly defined and in large bodies.

The development work thus far done shows that the edge of large ore bodies which increase in value in the precious metals as the work goes farther. This is shown by the following assay which was made by the Seattle Smelting Co., of San Francisco, of five samples; the first two and last two taken from near the surface and the third one taken at a depth of three feet under the capping of the ledge:

Table with 3 columns: Sample No., Gold, Silver, Total. Row 1: 1, 23.30, Trace, \$23.30 From breast. Row 2: 2, 5.16, 5.16, 10.32. Row 3: 3, 142.22, 142.22, 284.44. Row 4: 4, 2.10, Trace, 2.10 Mixed clay. Row 5: 5, 3.51, 3.51, 7.02 Tailings carbon.

This assay was made when the work was first commenced and is the only assay of the rock which has been made. Since that time a large amount of work has been done and the shaft from which the sample was taken has been run in 55 feet so that now an assay can be made, which will give

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WILL SOMEONE ESTABLISH A KINDERGARTEN?

The following is an extract from an editorial in yesterday's News:—"Does the government honestly intend to introduce a bill giving representation to the people of this district at the next session of congress?"

BEDROCK CONTRACTS

Given a Jar by Late Decision From Justice Dugas.

Mr. Justice Dugas has recently rendered a decision which is of utmost importance to miners who are employed on bedrock and also to claim owners or laymen who hire men upon such conditions. It has long been considered that persons could be hired to work through the mining season and look for their pay at the cleanup and if the dumps failed to yield enough to liquidate the accumulated indebtedness, the unfortunate miner who had toiled hard for months had no further recourse. Such is true under certain conditions, but without those conditions the employer may still be held liable for the full amount due. The case in point upon which judgment has just been rendered is styled Milne vs. J. W. Willison, George Curran and John F. Curran, the defendants carrying on business under the name of Willison & Curran. The suit is for wages due plaintiff and also one Johnson and one Babcock whose claims were assigned to Milne. The defense set up is that the plaintiffs were under agreement to work on bedrock and as the claim upon which they were employed failed to yield sufficient to pay them, they are claimed to have no standing in a suit such as has been brought. The court holds that if such a contract is to be held good, the defendants must show their good faith by bringing out the yieldings of the claim as well as the expenses that have been incurred. A straight, accurate account should be kept which in this instance was not. A set off of \$100 for goods furnished by defendants is allowed, judgment going for the balance as set out in plaintiff's statement of claim.

MR. HAWKINS OLD CASE IN COURT

Figuring on Construction of Railroad Up Bonanza.

Mr. E. G. Hawkins, who has been general manager of the White Pass and Yukon route since its conception, arrived in Dawson last evening on the steamer Dawson. Mr. Hawkins confirms the report, previously published, of his resignation from the company and is now in Dawson working on a proposition for the construction of a railroad to the Forks and Eldorado creek. He will remain in Dawson several days during which time he will make a complete estimate of what is needed for the construction of such a road.

SMALLPOX SITUATION

Is Not at all Alarming and No Spread is Feared.

The smallpox epidemic with which Dawson has been threatened has not as yet reached any alarming proportions. Six cases have been reported and sent to the hospital at the mouth of Bonanza, three of which have been discharged as convalescent. The disease is in the same mild form as that of last year and is not considered to be dangerous. The last case came in on the Yukoner last Wednesday and was immediately taken to the pesthouse for treatment. The steamer on her return trip will be thoroughly fumigated and the passengers will all have to undergo a rigid examination. "All of the steamers," said Dr. McArthur the health officer, "a Nugget representative, should be thoroughly examined and fumigated, but my time is so occupied at the present that without assistance it will be impossible for me to do it." The authorities will doubtless take the matter in hand and see that every precaution is taken to prevent a further spreading of the dread disease.

Police Court.

In Magistrate McCarty's court this morning only two offenders against law and order were up for hearing. John Thomas had looked long and frequently upon the flowing bowl with the result that he became a disturbing actor on the stage of life. A fine of \$5 and costs was imposed, the cash payment of which could be avoided by the performance of ten days hard labor. Robt. Kromel was likewise charged with having been a disturber, but as the evidence was not of sufficient weight to convict, his case was dismissed.

The court announced that he had had some difficulty in assessing the amount of damages but had decided to fix the sum at \$5000 and costs. Another case similarly entitled which was said to be a sequence of the present case was also disposed of. After Stevenson had been dispossessed by Williams and steps were taken to wind up the business, the former considered his assistance necessary in the matter and collected small bills owing the firm amounting to \$177 paying out of that sum several accounts presented by various tradesmen, but leaving a small balance in his hands. Williams, it is alleged, when he learned Stevenson had some of the firm's money in his possession at once had him arrested and charged with theft. On the case coming on to trial it was dismissed, a suit for damages following very naturally. His lordship finds that Williams was too hasty in beginning criminal proceedings, a most serious matter to a man of good standing in the community, and condemns him to pay Stevenson \$500 and costs as damages.

The Popular Line.

The popular little steamer Nora of the "Always-Get-There" line, arrived yesterday about two o'clock and sailed for Whitehorse at midnight with 170 passengers, leaving many who applied for passage behind for lack of accommodation. The Nora brought down 36 passengers and three cattle-laden barges. The Flora will be the next of the company's fleet to arrive. She will be in the forefront of next week with five barges in tow. Already passage for her return trip is being engaged. The little steamers with the girl's names are the winners in the race for popularity. Caldarhead can explain the balance.

A Happy Event.

An interesting event is scheduled to take place upon the arrival of the steamer Yukoner. On board the boat is Mrs. Grace Wills who comes to gladden the heart and illuminate the fireside of Raymond Brumbaugh, of the Ames Mercantile Co.'s hardware department. The happy groom-to-be has busied himself late with interviewing real estate agents, and rumors say that a newly grown beard will be shaved off in honor of the approaching nuptials.

Making Haste Slowly.

Complaint is made that the progress towards completing the new school building is not so rapid as it might be or as the exigencies of the occasion require, as under existing conditions but little can be accomplished in the way of schools, no matter how ardently the teachers may labor. Nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of rushing the new school building to completion.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. McNamee and wife have gone outside for the winter. The Will H. team is reported to be crossing the line below Circle. Superintendent Primrose is suffering from a mild attack of bronchitis. Major and Mrs. J. T. Van Orsdale left on the Whitehorse yesterday for Seattle. Mrs. Chas. Worden and Miss Worden have returned to San Francisco for the winter. Constable Gardner from Fortymile and Constable Cadigan of the Forks detachment are in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutledge, well known as Gold Run, were passengers for the outside yesterday on the Whitehorse. F. J. O. Hestwood, a prominent mine owner at Bonanza, accompanied by his wife and two children, left for the outside on the Whitehorse. A splendid hot air furnace has recently been installed in the police cautions. It will heat the cautions, three stove rooms and the warm storage cellars. Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

GOLDSTEIN-HOFFMAN

In Territorial Court About Note of Former for Gambling Debt

WHICH "UNCLE" BOUGHT AT DISCOUNT

Goldstein Repudiates Note as Not Collectable.

BEING UNLAWFUL PURPOSE

Evidence of Witnesses All in But Decision Not Yet Handed Down by Justice Dugas.

From Friday's Daily. The suit of Hoffman against Goldstein was taken up yesterday before Mr. Justice Dugas, the case being concluded at today's session. The question involved is an old one—whether or not a gambling debt is collectable. Early last spring Charles Goldstein, a front street merchant happened in the Dominion saloon run by John Moo, the gambling department of which, however, was a separate and distinct institution managed by Tom Sparks. Goldstein was evidently a good customer at the gaming tables as it came out in evidence that Moo had told Sparks he would guarantee any play of Goldstein's up to \$1000. Upon this occasion his luck was against him and he required a short time before he was "in" \$500. Sparks presented the bill to Moo who paid it. A few days later Moo secured a note from Goldstein for the amount and when it became due \$500 was paid on account and a new note given for the balance. This, before it became due, asked Sparks if he could discount the latter replied that he was not in position to do so but would see if he could not sell it. Sparks accordingly took the note to Uncle Hoffman who agreed to discount it for 10 per cent, providing Moo would indorse it. Moo indorsed, but claims he had a verbal understanding with Uncle that he was not to be held liable. The note in time became due, but as payment was refused suit for its collection was begun. It is understood that the defense is that the debt being a gambling debt it's payment can not be enforced. Hoffman of the stand swore when he discounted the paper he was not aware it represented money lost over the gaming table, which would render it simply into a commercial transaction. His lordship has reserved his opinion as to one point, but in view of his decision in the Moo-Pirate case, which is almost identical, it is generally believed that the maker of the note or his indorser will be compelled to liquidate.

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