

ELDORADO QUARTZ MINING CO.

A Proposition That Looks Good on Its Face.

After Two Years Persistent and Careful Research and Labor T. W. Roach Is Rewarded.

Since the discovery of gold in the Klondike district more or less effort has been expended in the up-to-date fruitless attempt to discover what is termed the mother lode or "fountain-head," so to speak, from whence comes the supply of gold which is so unevenly distributed on the various creeks of the district. That there is a mother lode from whence came at some distant day the gold supply of the Klondike is evident, but the all-important question of the day with hundreds of miners is: Where and by what means can the mother lode be located?

Mr. T. W. Roach has every reason for believing that he has solved the problem and that, if he has not discovered the mother lode, he has discovered a portion of it—a member of "mother's" family, so to speak. For two years prior to last February Mr. Roach carefully studied the nature of the float quartz on the various creeks of the district, and the result of his study convinced him that the higher up Eldorado creek he went the less wear was found on the float quartz. To substantiate his theory he procured samples, many of them large and highly valuable, from claims all along from the mouth of the creek up to as far as gold is found on it. Samples from near the mouth show the effects of having traveled some distance, being worn and smooth; those from claims 11 and 12 show less wear and so on all along up the creek until claim 57 is reached, the gold taken from it being rough and jagged, indicating that it has not been tumbled around in a creek at any period of its existence.

From 57 Eldorado Mr. Roach took care to prospect the other side of the ridge and found that in all ravines and gulches heading in the ridge from which he had taken unworn quartz on the other side, the samples became less worn as the head of the gulch was approached. Having acquired this knowledge, Mr. Roach went to work to discover the ledge, which was accomplished by sinking holes along at intervals until the ledge being discovered beyond all doubt he traced for between eight and ten miles. Beginning at a point half a mile south of claim No. 57 on Eldorado, he traced it northward to within about a mile of upper Bonanza, at which place it runs almost parallel with and less than two miles west of Victoria gulch.

The ledge is found from three to twenty feet under the ground and is found to be covered with a decomposed substance similar to porphyry. The ledge has a very uniform width of about 60 feet, but at no point, and blasting has been done at intervals along the ledge, has its depth been determined. At several places where prospect holes have been sunk to the ledge chunks of quartz have been broken off from which chunks of gold as big as peas protrude in many places. The quartz is all of a free milling quality and the belief that it is very rich and abundant is based on what has been proven by actual work and discovery.

Mr. Roach, having fully satisfied himself as to the value of his discovery, took some friends in with him and staked a number of contiguous claims on the most favorable appearing portion of the ledge, which they recorded according to the law governing quartz property in this country.

Mr. Roach then went to the outside and on to Seattle where, under the laws of Washington, he incorporated the Eldorado Quartz Mining Co. He returned to Dawson a few days ago and is now only awaiting a permit from Ottawa, his being an American company, to begin development work on what very palpably appears to be one of the most valuable mining propositions in the entire district. Mr. Roach, who is general manager of the company, is a young man, but the hard and continuous labor he has undergone to secure his valuable property entitles him to the prosperity which its development is bound to bring.

Board of Trade Tonight.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the rooms in the A. C. Co.'s office building will be held the first meeting of the Dawson Board of Trade since the late annual election of officers. The meeting tonight will be one of more than ordinary importance as there is a large amount of urgent business which will come before it for disposal.

President Fulda will announce his selection of the various standing committees, and the committee appointed at the recent meeting of the trustees to confer with Gold Commissioner Senkler before his departure for Ottawa, and secure, if possible, his co-operation in efforts to secure more favorable mining regulations for the district, will report as to the success or failure of its mission.

The business men of all departments of trade and industry in the Yukon district have realized that more pronounced action than has ever yet been taken is demanded if the country is to be redeemed from the deplorable state into which, through culpable laws, and oppressive legislation which has tended to crush out, rather than foster, the industries, it has fallen. The people of Dawson and the Yukon realize that they are face to face with a crisis which must be met in a firm and masterly manner which will be effective not only here but in Ottawa.

The Board of Trade is the medium through which the wrong must be exposed and condemned, and through which right and justice must be suggested, advocated and demanded.

Let there be a full attendance at the meeting tonight.

Trenneman in Skagway.

Ben R. Trenneman, a pioneer of 1897, arrived in the city last evening from the interior, and left on the Topeka for the south. Mr. Trenneman has many friends in Skagway. Although he was in the city last evening only an hour or so, many of his friends met him, and assembled at the wharf to wish him a safe and speedy return to the land of gold.

Mr. Trenneman has interests in the Klondike, and is on his way to the States for machinery and to visit relatives in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Trenneman is a splendid athlete.—Alaskan.

In the Swim.

A flat dweller returned home the other Thursday afternoon to find under her door a card, "Miss Mary X. Chisholm."

"Who can she be and what did she want?" speculated the flat dweller to herself. "I don't know any Miss Mary X. Chisholm." The mystery remained unsolved until the return of the flat dweller's negro maid from her "afternoon out." "She am a lady fren of mine," explained the maid, grinning at the card, which in engraving and all other respects was irreproachable. "She let her cyard under de do' when she finds I was not ter home, same as yo' lady fren's."—New York Sun.

His Roundabout War.

A man was going home to his wife and family. It was getting dark. His road from the station was a lonely one, and he was getting along as fast as he could when he suddenly suspected that a man behind him was following him purposely. The faster he went the faster the man went until they came to a graveyard.

"Now," he said to himself, "I'll find if he's after me." And he entered the churchyard.

The man followed him. Vague visions of revolvers and garrotes grew upon him. He made a detour of a splendid mausoleum. Still the man was after him, round and round.

At last he turned and faced the fellow and asked: "What the dickens do you want? What are you following me for?"

"Well, sir, do you always go home like this? I am going up to Mr. Brown's house with a parcel, and the porter at the station told me that if I'd follow you I should find the place, as you live next door. Are you going home at all tonight?"—Columbian.

Visiting Bankers.

Messrs. A. E. Maynard, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Whitehorse, and A. Scott, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skagway, are in the city on a trip combining both business and pleasure. Mr. Maynard was formerly paying teller in the bank here and has hosts of friends in Dawson. He says that the boom period has been passed by Whitehorse and that the town has now settled down to a steady, substantial growth. Both the gentlemen will be in Dawson several days before returning to their respective banks.

He Obeyed the Judge.

Over a score of years ago Judge Fitzgerald was appointed to the bench of the district that includes Pima and Cochise counties, in Arizona. He found on coming to Tucson that formality was almost unknown in the courtroom. If the days were warm, the attorneys and attendants dispensed with coats. This to him appeared particularly disrespectful. He announced that smoking in the courtroom would not be tolerated and that coats must be worn under pain of the court's displeasure. The grand jury was called. Among the jurors summoned was a brawny miner, who appeared in his usual costume, a dark blue shirt and overalls.

"What do you mean," thundered the magistrate, "by appearing in this court-

room in your shirt sleeves? Where is your coat?"

"At home, judge," mildly returned the juror.

"Then go and get it! No, not a word, sir!" glaring down upon the man as he attempted to speak. "Go home and get your coat, sir, or I'll commit you for contempt!"

The miner went silently out. He didn't return that day nor the next, and the judge, after issuing a bench warrant for him, swore in another juror. About two weeks thereafter the original miner, dressed as the court demanded, again stepped within Judge Fitzgerald's range of vision. To the irate magistrate he tendered the explanation that his home and coat were both in Harsbaw mountains, near the Mexican border, over 100 miles away, and that he had but obeyed the orders of his honor in going home after his coat.—Arizona Graphic.

Missing Persons.

The following missing persons are inquired for by friends through the N. W. M. P. Any information leading to the location of any of them should be given to the town station, N. W. M. P.: Elmer Dilley, Tehachupe, Cal.; Sam Jones, San Francisco; Anasta Leopold, New York City; Edward J. Pryor, Butte, Mont.; Justus Douglass, Spokane, Wash.

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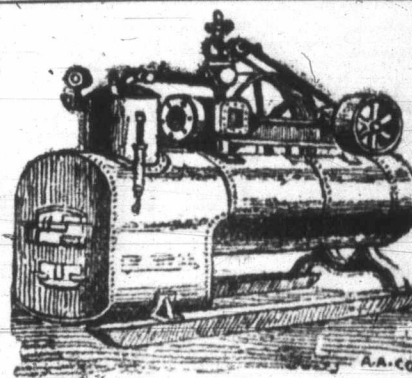
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