

CARDSTON RECORD.

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A LOST SILVER MINE.

The Man That Owned It Died With the Secret of Its Location.

About half a century ago a rich silver vein was found on the copper range south of Houghton, and the silver excitement throughout Houghton county was at fever heat. Everybody had the craze, but there was only one man who knew the whereabouts of the vein. At the time above mentioned a trapper and hunter named Draper brought into Houghton a number of very rich silver specimens, but where they came from he never told, and the secret always remained a secret with him. He was known to be making his home in the vicinity of Penn mine, on the south range, with the Indians, who were very numerous in this part of the country. It was not a great while after Draper made this trip to Houghton that he got into trouble with the Indians, shot one of them and escaped from the country. He returned some years later, and taking a partner, went into the woods again. The two remained there, coming to town for provisions from time to time and bringing as much silver in nuggets as they could carry. When the war broke out, Draper's partner enlisted in the first company that left Houghton and was killed in the battle of Bull Run. Draper remained in the woods and died there, carrying the secret of the big silver find with him to the other world. A few years after Draper's death Ignatius Zeeber, who was conducting a tailoring establishment in L'Anse, having removed there from Houghton, got the silver craze and gave up his business to search for Draper's mine. During the 20 years that have passed since that time Zeeber, or as he is more familiarly known to those who frequent the woods, "Silver Fritz," has remained at the Penn mine, in the vicinity of which Draper was supposed to have located the silver, but whether he has succeeded in locating the coveted silver mine is not known. Some think he has, but the majority who know him say they are positive he has not. The old man, for he is now about 80 years of age, is often seen by landlookers, who say that he resembles a wild man very much, his hair and full beard being long and shaggy, his clothes old and torn and his person very poorly kept. A stranger would not have the nerve to pass him in the road, but to those who know him he is as meek as a lamb, and all say he would injure no one. Besides Zeeber several parties have spent months at a time scouring the woods, but no one has obtained even a glimpse of anything that looks like silver, and all gave up the hunt in disgust. With the opening up of the old mines as well as many new ones on the range between Houghton and Ontonagon the question is asked, "Is it not probable that Draper's find will be discovered?" It is a well known fact that the old Belt mine, which, together with the Penn mine, is now under option to Chicago capitalists, produced considerable silver when last worked, and it may be that the Chicago people or those owning the land in close proximity to theirs will have the good fortune to locate what is said to be one of the richest silver veins in the country.—Detroit News.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

The Stars and Stripes.

Gazley—A great deal of fun is made of Delaware for retaining the whipping post, but there is something patriotic about it.

Snooper—Indeed! Please explain. Gazley—Why, the culprit is made to see stars when the stripes are well laid on.—Harlem Life

Invitation Accepted.

Mr. Saphed—I've got a fad, too, don't ye know. I collect old and rare violins. Com' around and see 'em.

Musician—Do you play? Mr. Saphed—Bless you, no; not a note.

Musician (enthusiastically)—I will come.—New York Weekly.

He Felt It Too.

"I hear your gettin' fired from school raised a big breeze at your house," said Willie Spratt.

"Yes," replied Tommy Burns, shifting uncomfortably in his chair. "It was what the yacht fellers call a spanking breeze."—Philadelphia North American.

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AN ESSAY ON BANKS.

SHY AIRS HIS VIEWS ON SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS.

Tells of the Trouble One Made For a Friend of His, and How He Finally Ventured to Open an Account in One.

Bank accounts are skittish things. Why, I know a fellow who had a bank account, and then he hadn't. He put something like umpty s'teen and six dollars in the grasping hand of a receiver-teller. He was given a checkbook. He checked and checked on that account until he finally received official notice from a deputy sheriff that the account had long been drawn down to a vacuum. My friend insisted on checking on the vacuum, and now he is checked for a brief stay in the state institute for gentlemen who forget that all deeds should be good and not bad.

I have a bank account. I went into the savings institution at the corner of Blank and — streets with money in my pocket and my hand on it. I approached the receiving teller.

"I'm Shy," I said in the nature of an introduction.

"Then you do not want to come around here," he responded. "We don't want any galoots coming in here that can't pay their way. We're shy enough ourselves. Why, the officers have not raised a salary in years, and what with coal bills and pork accounts we are always shy."

I explained to the dapper gentleman with the money colored countenance that my name was Shy. "Tell me something about deposits, will you?"

"The bank is the safest in the city," he commenced to warble. "Our capital stock is \$1,000,000. We pay 3 per cent interest when we cannot get around doing otherwise. Every six months we figure interest on your smallest balance. We'll receive as little as a dollar from an applicant, and after the books are opened with you we'll take as much as a thousand."

"Oh, now, look here!" I returned with asperity. "I'm not going to give you a thousand of my hard earned plunks right on the spot. I've been thinking this thing over. I have exactly 151."

"One hundred and fifty-one dollars makes a first rate start for any one," he interrupted.

"Who said anything about dollars?" I demanded. "I was about to remark that I had 151 cents that the children had saved, and I have concluded to trust it with you. If the money is here at the end of a year and you pay the 3 per cent interest, as you advertise, then I may be induced to double my deposit."

I made my deposit. I received the bankbook with the credit of \$1.51. Every time I go down town I take a glance—a casual glance—at the corner of Blank and — streets to see if my bank is still there. Up to this writing it has not moved an inch.

Since I started my bank account I've got to be a regular capitalist. I swell around with my overcoat buttoned up and carry my gloves in my left hand. I talk to everybody I meet about purchasing real estate, and I have no less than 27 deals on the string. One of these days I'll blossom out as a full fledged financier. If business keeps up, I think I'll take a run out to St. Louis in 1903 and run an opposition exposition.

Mistaken Identity.



Gran'ma—What on earth ails these 'ere shirt buttons, I wonder? Every time I puts the needle through 'em to sew 'em on they splits an flies all to bits.

Gladys Irene—Boo-o-o-oo! Them ain't shirt buttons. Them's my peppermint lozenges.—Ally Sloper.

A Clean Record.

In pleading for the release of her son, who had been taken in the toils of the law, a Georgia mother said: "Thar's never been nuthin ag'in him, yer honor. He's allus shrunk from the public gaze. He never has run fer congress, he never wuz in the legislature, an' has allus worked for his livin'!"

Why He Wouldn't Subscribe.

Jinks—How's this? Why are you not willing to subscribe something toward a monument to Columbus, the discoverer of America?

Winks (suffering from rheumatism, sore throat, catarrh, bronchitis and a touch of the grip)—Because if he hadn't discovered America I wouldn't have been born in this climate.—New York Weekly

Magazine Work.

The Poet's Wife—Algernon, I wish you would—

The Poet—Please don't break my train of thought. I am writing a poem for the midsummer number of The Fiddlesticks Magazine, and the editor says unless I have it ready by 11 o'clock tomorrow he will have to close the forms without it.—Chicago News.

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TWO FAMOUS FRENCH CORPS.

A Contest of Nerve Between the Zouaves and the Chasseurs.

A famous corps, says a writer in Chama, is that of the French zouaves, whose picturesque uniform, consisting of baggy red trousers, short, blue braided jacket, gaiters and close fitting cap (a soft of fez) has been seen in many great battles. The zouaves gained their richest laurels during the Crimean war, at which time the corps, although supposed only to consist of Frenchmen, had attracted to its ranks many young men of other nations—English, Scotch, Irish, Germans and Italians. Many of these, no doubt, were soldiers of fortune, anxious to serve in a body the fame of which was worldwide.

But France was not to enjoy the monopoly of a zouave corps, for some ten years later, when the American civil war broke out, two bodies of American zouaves were formed, one by the Federals, the other by the Confederates. They were uniformed much after the French style and gained a great reputation for dash and courage. This was particularly the case with the Confederate zouaves, who were known as the Louisiana Tigers.

When the French zouaves were serving in Africa, they had one day to perform a long and terrible march in the blistering sun. The chasseurs a pied, a corps of famous marchers, were with them, but the soldiers of both corps were ready to sink with hunger, thirst and exhaustion. Toward evening they arrived at a town, and the colonel of the chasseurs appealed to his men to enter the place in a style worthy of French soldiers.

The men responded bravely, and with bugles sounding they marched in with a light, springy step, looking as little as possible like men who were half dead with fatigue. This was too much for the zouaves. They had suffered, if possible, worse than the chasseurs, but at the command of their colonel they braced themselves up and, although ready to drop, entered the town on the run, swinging their muskets round their heads, that being an evolution of the zouave drill. They had "gone one better" than the chasseurs.

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Everything's Advancing.



"Have you forgotten, Bertie, that when I promised your sweetheart you said you'd dance with any other girl?"
"I know that, though, but I was awfully young then, remember"—Ally Sloper.

His Phraseology.

"Do you think Russia and Great Britain will disarm?" asked the Anglo-Saxon caller.

"Really," answered Li Hung Chang, who of course does not understand elegant distinctions in English, "I don't know that it makes much difference to me what they do with their arms so long as their legs remain in pulling distance."—Washington Star.

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