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AMADOR COUNTY

1869

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This agreement entered into this Sixteenth  
(16th) Day of December 1869. by and between James  
Fleming John Fuller. James Bergen and B F  
Langford all of the County of Amador. State of  
California. of the first part and A H. Rose of Amador  
County & George Hearst of San Francisco County of the  
Second part. witnesseth

That the Said parties  
of the first part. in Consideration of the Sum of one  
Hundred (100) dollars to them in hand paid by the  
Said party of the Second part. the receipt whereof  
is hereby acknowledged. hereby and undertake Covenant  
and agree to and with the Said parties of the Second  
part. that they the Said parties of the first part  
each and all agree of them as proprietors thereof  
will grant bargain and sell to Said party of the  
Second part or ~~to~~ to such other party or parties as  
Said party of the Second part shall nominate. all  
and singular that Quartz Mine situated about  
one mile Northely from Jackson in Said Amador  
County and on and near the Vogan grade road lead-  
ing from Said Jackson to Sutter Sutter Creek and  
known as the Kennedy Mine and including that  
lode known as the Garner and Smith claim  
also that twenty Stamp Quartz Mill used in connec-  
-tion with Said Mine; also the Buildings and  
improvements belonging with Said Mine and Mill  
and all hauling works. rail ways dumps and  
all property tools and apparatus used in



Connection with or in and about Said Mine and Mill  
or either of them; also all the lands on which Said  
Mine, Mill, buildings and improvements are situated  
and well make Stamps with the necessary amount  
of Internal Revenue Stamps, acknowledge and deliver  
to Said party of the Second part or to such other  
party or parties as Said party of the Second part  
shall nominate, a good and sufficient bargain and  
Sale deed conveying all and singular the quartz  
mine, Mill and other property above described to Said  
party of the Second part or their nominee or  
nominees at any time within Thirty (30) Days  
from the date hereof, upon the payment by Said  
party of the Second part to them the Said parties  
of the first part of the sum of Seventy thousand  
(70,000) dollars in the Gold Coin of the United States

And it is hereby expressly covenanted and  
agreed by and on the part of Said parties of the first  
part that the payment of Said sum of Seventy thousand  
(70,000) dollars to them, in Said gold coin, by Said  
parties of the Second part  
from the date hereof shall be accepted as a full consideration  
for the Sale and Conveyance as aforesaid of Said above  
described Mine, Mill and other property.

In testimony whereof Said parties of the first part have hereunto  
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

James Fleming Seal

John Fuller Seal

James Bergan Seal

J. F. L. Bergan Seal

James Fleming

And others

with

A. H. Rose &

Geo. Hearst  
L. I. D.

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NEVADA Co.

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Proposition for the working of the Belger  
Mine situated near Auburn Nevada & Cal

I Geo. C. Belden hereby propose to commence  
operations on the above mentioned mine in its present  
condition, to pump out the water, and take  
therefrom 20 tons of the Ore as a sample  
Should this test prove the mine to be as it  
has been represented I further propose to  
take out selected rock to the amount of  
at least one thousand tons for which I  
hereby agree to pay the sum of \$5.00 <sup>per ton</sup>  
dollars per ton

If after working the mine for the  
space of six months I find it turn out to  
my satisfaction I then further agree to  
erect works which shall be capable of  
reducing ten tons of Ore per day, in which  
case I shall then become entitled to a clear  
and undivided half of the said  
Belger Mine, the bonus of the said mine  
giving me an agreement to this effect before  
operations are commenced

It must however be understood and agreed to  
that all the expenses of expensing and pumping



out the more shall be defrayed by the  
owner thereof should the mine turn out to be  
otherwise than as it has been represented

San Francisco  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1846



- |      |  |                            |
|------|--|----------------------------|
| No 1 | West side - Big Muddy -                          | Dark ore.                  |
| " 2  | Heavy sand                                       |                            |
| " 3  | " decomposed -                                   |                            |
| " 4  | Out of Tunnel - Big Muddy -                      | Sulphate of iron           |
| " 5  | From cut north of the house, Big Muddy -         | dark ore                   |
| " 6  | 1/2 mile north on Big Muddy -                    | Bluish                     |
| " 7  | " "  | Dark                       |
| " 8  | N. E. cut Big Muddy -                            | Reddish ore. (conspicuous) |
| " 9  | Red rock   |                            |
| " 10 | Green flat rock from on trail from Miller's Camp |                            |
| " 11 | Flat rock Summit flat, Warrens diggings          |                            |



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DWIGHT FRANK  
PLACERVILLE

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PLACERVILLE  
CARBONVILLE

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Cantwell J. J. January 14<sup>th</sup> 1856

Geo. Hearst Esq  
San Francisco

I shall endeavor to inform you of the date of the  
Mill and Mine at this place = was sold Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1856  
to Michel H Bernstien of Idaho City for the sum of  
\$6000 dollars = I have got possession of same and  
will have the expiration of 6<sup>mo</sup> after sale  
I hope you will look over the matter and take  
something in consideration at Idaho = for I do really  
think you will redeem the same before expiration  
of term = Just returned from dinner = feel very  
bad = No doubt Geo Parham has informed you  
of my idea in regard to a mill on Pioneer Mine  
I wrote you also which I hope will appreciate  
all I wish to say is with a 20 stamp mill  
or 40 stamp = you can work 1 year or more and  
it will average from \$12 to \$20 per ton = as near as  
my judgment goes = but would like to see you here  
very much and just look for yourself and if  
you say the money is not there I am willing to  
abandon the counting = and look at nothing else  
so do without fail come up and look for yourself  
and if things are not as I have represented to  
you before = I will never say another word in  
regard to Quartz =

I have written Geo also Parham which they will  
show you = I will wait very anxiously for news  
from you but would rather see you than letters  
Got the last I had from you was at Boise City  
about 3 weeks ago nothing more from him up to date  
do not know when he is probably on his way  
to New York via Port Bell = I hope you have  
received all my letters for I stated something in  
regard to Idaho affairs = I would like very much  
to have a mill on Pioneer Mine and if you can  
see yourself and look at it before you put an  
offer there = you will surely do so without fail  
if you send a mill and take the chances  
yourself I guarantee to make money for all  
parties interested = if Col. succeeds at New York  
he will sell his interest at South Boise  
also the mill and mine at this place = do do  
not wait but come up immediately and look  
at the country = or notify me what you anticipate  
doing here = for I am anxious to know whether  
you will redeem the mill = and not let them  
claim Geo's take possession = for that is not

I remain your  
faithful friend  
J. J. Cantwell  
also I wish the same for your family  
Sincerely  
J. J. Cantwell



Coleridge D. J. January 14<sup>th</sup> 1866 -  
Friend Geo  
San Francisco -

Your letter is at hand - and note contents - was sorry to see of your illness - and hope you may be quite well when this is at hand - I note all you say in regard to Id. - and was sorry to see your state of affairs - you wish me to state something in regard to the affair at Id. - which I have done before to Geo Hearst <sup>as</sup> well as yourself - and had an idea you all had abandoned Id. - I have never heard from Geo Hearst - and he did not respond to my letter I gave up entirely of writing you for the present - but see you are anxious for me to state things in general to you - in the first place the mill was mortgaged - and the mill was an attachment of \$1200 by Ridge Co. and advertisement for sale - but was impossible for him to buy mortgage - so Miller & Bernstein sold Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1866 - and bid the same in for the sum of \$600 dollars - and notified me the next day of sale - and told me I must not enter in without paying them rent for the use of the mill - I went and call<sup>d</sup> on the parties the following day - and then they inform<sup>d</sup> me they was in possession of mill - which I stated to the parties on the contrary - but I was in possession of same - and after a little - they wish me to pay

Taxes, and Sheriff fees also advertisement - they amount to \$250 dollars which I told them I could not make no circumstances - but would pay rent on property for the term of 6<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>s</sup> - the money to be settled on judgment otherwise would not pay that - I have possession and will endeavor to keep the same - till the expiration of 6<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>s</sup> - I will go over again tomorrow and see the parties - I have just as much as I can attend to - and the last of them from Col Wood at Boise City - about 3 weeks ago - he then stated he was off for New York since then have had nothing from him - I suppose you are acquainted with his business East - to see his interest at South Boise also the mill and mine here - that is his principal object - Mr. J. Parham is at your place you must have seen him for he has got a mortgage on property and he fully understood the Col business at Id. so do see him and he will give you all the information in regard to Id. affairs - Geo I sent for a list and expected to get it from you - but was disappointed I hope things are not as you anticipate - and I did not want to ask Mr. Parham for it - and am sorry you said anything to him - but will remain here till spring - and am positive sure you will sell the mill if Col does not - I have said anything at present here written. J. Parham a long letter and will write Hearst the same -  
I remain your  
Dwight

Remember me to Geo Hearst and  
Mr. Parham  
Dwight



Centerville 1<sup>st</sup> January 14<sup>th</sup> 1886

Mr John -  
San Francisco -

Your letter is duly at hand and note contents = was glad to  
hear from you and find your health was improving = I  
note in regard to your affair at that place = and was please  
to hear the parties was willing to pay the mortgage of Miller  
& Bernstein = but will advise you in this that the parties  
has sold Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at Idaho City = bid it in for the sum of \$6000  
dollars = also they came and notified me of sale = and  
forbid me crushing or without paying them = the following  
day I went and call<sup>d</sup> on the parties = and they took me they  
was in possession of mine = which I inform them on the  
contrary = and then they saw they had no claim fool to deal  
with = they wish<sup>d</sup> me to pay the taxes = also the sheriff  
fess and advertisement of sale which amount<sup>d</sup> to the sum  
of \$250 dollars = I inform them I cannot not make no circus  
= stamps = I fully understand the affair = and will pay part  
on the property if they give me credit on the judgment  
not otherwise, I must go and see them parties tomorrow  
about the affair = for I will start the mill inside of 10 days  
also I made a contract with a party to crush 50 tons more  
or less = at the rate of \$6 dollars per ton = they furnishing all the  
materials for the purposes = also paying me \$2 dollars per ton  
for hauling the same rate for wood = very good for this time  
of the year = and the way I am situated = it has been  
very trying on me for the last month = but have managed  
satisfying well = so to make a living

Since you left I got out 10 tons of ore and it paid me \$50 dollars  
per ton & clean<sup>d</sup> up \$23 dollars = had look upon me that time  
it was mostly float rock = but was I work getting it through the  
mill = and was blast with box blast = I broke my heater pipe  
in 3 places also my main boiler pump which cost me \$40  
dollars to have repaired = I had a very good engine with me = but  
was a perfect stranger around the mill = after we got star-  
ted = I ran the engine that night and the the following day  
and I was there most of the time at night and day = for I  
work = if I got to bad I was call<sup>d</sup> out soon after to see  
about the fan = for she did not understand them = so you  
can imagine what a show of a time I must have had  
it being so cold I could not run but 5 stamps = for you know  
I had nothing in shape for working winter = all I done was to  
put my exhaust pipes in the tank = and could do nothing  
else without money that I did not have at the time  
and have not to day = I got a Carpenter yesterday and will  
take the front and back off the battery tomorrow for  
repairs = for you can imagine = how things was when I took  
wholes = also I will bet this was against the great  
Chickatony very soon each mill crushing 10 tons a piece  
I will do better than they will for I have seen the ore and  
it must be wasted and they will not see the joints = great  
fire expected for the test = so look out for the puff of  
nothing happening about I will from this time = the drop of  
the Chickatony battery will have 11<sup>inch</sup> drop and 75<sup>inch</sup> drop  
for water, my own drop 9<sup>inch</sup> = and 65<sup>inch</sup> drop for water



Which they save a floating battery - Concentrator Shaking Tables  
 and Wheeler fans - I have several Batteries and fans and stamping  
 - ~~and~~ Tables, as you know - but will save very fine ones made  
 for the purpose - I made a test with the lower mill - they  
 had \$15 dollar of flour - I had \$15 dollars - no good when they come  
 to the test - and I am getting my names up - with the factory  
 I could get a situation last week at the Chickatony mill  
 would not accept - In reply to your letter in regard to the mill  
 I have written that party something - especially moving to Pioneer  
 they must have received it before this - and gave them the full  
 particulars - but they do not respond to mine - I hope you will  
 see them and do all in your power to assist me in my transaction  
 I have not heard from the Col in 3 weeks last letter was at Boise  
 City - and expected to leave for New York soon - do not know  
 what has become of him - whether he has gone or not - I have  
 written Geo Hearn several letters in regard to the affairs at  
 Idaho but he does not respond to my letters - so I think he has  
 abandoned ~~the~~ anything at this place - but hope not - and at mid  
 give the Pioneer mill another trial trip - snow is about 2 feet  
 but it was dam cold in December but now very pleasant  
 but chilly morning - nothing in regard to the country as I  
 see or hear - you can say to those parties since you left I got  
 Thomas Chandler to cut through the gulch and he has gone West  
 and no wall well yet and struck a very nice vein - the gold  
 all has the same appearance - as on top - probably you have  
 heard about the Astor Company repudiating their drafts at  
 this place also the Chickatony mill mill stop ~~the~~ work

I have not been at placerville since you left - so I can  
 not give you any news from that place - Idaho City - is very  
 dull - and provisions very high - and this going up - also  
 I will state to you that they dam few think the Col  
 will move & reclaim the mill - and hope these parties  
 will look after the property if he does not make a sale  
 the firm & prices the 2<sup>d</sup> of June - it was sold say 2<sup>d</sup> -  
 they have been down on the strength of it ever since -  
 I am getting tired of the place but will remain if the  
 parties will send another mill in the spring to me for  
 Pioneer mill - 20 stamps = 10 shaking tables and 2 fans  
 if this mill should be sold - if I take this will want  
 20 share 20 dies - and it of last quick silver for I have  
 no shoes or quick silver at this place - and will want  
 a great many other things - if the arrangement should be  
 made - which I will notify you or party in time, John  
 in regard to money when you left - I had sent for a draft  
 before you left - and as you fully know it was impossible  
 for me to leave when you did for I had no one to leave in  
 my place - and the Col being absent - nothing more this  
 time hoping to see you soon again you may show  
 this to the parties if you think proper my health is  
 very good at present have not seen Altha since you left  
 I remain yours  
 Dwight. Frank

PS Secures this paper

Yours truly  
 Wm H. East  
 Heavet Hobbs  
 The Army and all enjoying friendly



Placeville June 16/66

Geo. Frank Esq

Walla Walla

I received a letter from Mr. Janin to day informing me that you was on a visit.

Wm Swinton. also a letter from you that you was in Idaho.

I hope you will visit this place and look at Pioneer as I am positive sure you would be able to make your mind up. Whether it will be profitable to work the same or not. Do do not disappoint me and come by all means. And let me know what is to be done.

I would rather see you than Mr. Janin. for your judgment on mining is far superior than the balance together.

Mr. Janin informs me that it is impossible for him to visit Placeville.

He left via Salt Lake and Virginia City

I was sorry for I would very much like to see him visit Placeville

I will wait patiently for your arrival at this place and hope to see you by the first of the week.

The weather is beautiful and it will be a pleasant trip for you. And nothing done with Pioneer I would very much like to go down with you. Hoping this may find you at Walla Walla.

Wm Swinton  
Drighly



Placerville Oct 31 - 1869  
F. H. H. Heart

Dear Sir

I forward deed for  
you To Rign of 750 ft.

Your letter went to  
Placerville California before reaching me  
and received the same yesterday. Now  
Friend Heart you may depend on me  
if anything should be realize out of  
said mine you never will lose a Penny  
for your kinclump. The reason I wished  
the deed was that I want to show up  
the mine next spring by running the  
surface of I am digging a ditch on  
the property at present that will carry  
75 inch of water and will have it complete  
by the 20 of November. Which will cost me  
about \$1500. So will keep you posted on  
my success in spring. If I understood  
your letter correct you say that the stock  
is in New York. If so and any date why will  
make it out all OK. With you I have out  
60 tons and am in Placerville trying to make  
arrangement to leave the same hauled at mine  
I am willing to pay \$3 for ton for hauling and  
they the Mill Company charges me \$10 for ton  
for crushing.

I will let you know the results of same if  
I am successful in getting same at mine  
I was sorry to hear of Mr. Lunt's death hoping  
to find or quite well on receipt of this  
the mine as near as I can ascertain I payed  
\$8 for ton first crushing the 2<sup>nd</sup> 17 for ton and  
3<sup>rd</sup> 26. This they say still better. They all  
felt well pleased so far it cost them  
about \$6.50 for ton to work the same. I have  
not been at the mine so can not give you  
any description of mine at present  
I hope Mr. Lunt will make a sale of  
lawyer and we both will make something  
out of it. I think you had better write him  
if still in New York about the same by  
getting that ditch on property it will  
make it more profitable for water never  
consider it before it is the highest ditch  
in Idaho and if the property is good it  
will be a good thing to work the same  
hoping to hear from you soon again

I remain yours  
my love to family  
Dwight  
Mr. Lunt George Holmes Willis  
All friend especially Jos.



Flacovitch, Dec. 10-1869

Dear George,  
Law. Francisco for fir

I sent a deed of Lays Mine to you a long time ago did you receive it, or not. If so, I wish you would sign and get same acknowledged, and forward. If it did not come to hand, please inform me and will make another out and send to you. I would very much like to have it in my name as I have got everything in shape for Spring to develop the Mine, or else I may have trouble with outsiders. I am quite well. Snow about 1 foot, and very cold. I suppose Mr. Lamb has arrived before. This is at hand my love to all

My love to your family  
all family

As always truly  
yours

Your Respect  
Swight

Placerville CA Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1870

George Hearst  
San Francisco  
Friend Hearst

I fear you will think that I have forgotten my promise to write. I should have written several times but have not been able to get any information that would be reliable and of interest to you. Indeed I have none now - the snow is too deep for me to go to the Sawyer mine and the Gold Hill mine has not made a clean up yet. From present appearance I do not think the Gold Hill will be successful. The mine is very small and at a short distance from the surface nothing but tell-tales - showing very little free gold.

I wish you would try and make some arrangements with Classen for the entire Pioneer mine - why not give the entire mine over for what he claims in the Pioneer. I think it would be as well for you - as you will never get anything any other way. Suppose you try that, or - but before and not mention my name in the matter.



You can get some money from the Pines  
but Clarsen will never pay you a cent and  
I think he may do what I have written  
I will visit the Lawyer as soon as the road  
is passable. I intend to go and look at the  
Charlotte Gulch mine and send you a sample  
of the ore - but it will be some time before I  
can get them. Bill Lynch is very anxious  
to sell his interest in the Gold Hill - they are  
in debt and no money to pay up - they  
make the last payment on the mine on the  
30<sup>th</sup> which is a tight squeeze. I will give you  
the result of this clean up as soon as I learn  
what it will be, I will try and keep you  
posted. Please write me, anything you  
would interest me. Give my respects to  
Mr. Willis & sent.

Yours truly  
John Parkman

Placerville 1<sup>st</sup> May 1890

George Hearst Esq  
San Francisco

Friend George - I presented your note  
to Frary a few days ago - and as I  
expected, he says you gave him a deed  
to your entire interest in the Lawyer  
mine and he had it recorded and  
intends to hold it. I told him that  
you only intended to give half your  
interest, and that you expected to derive  
the benefit that might come from the  
interest your claim. Frary said that if  
he ever sold the mine you would get  
something from it. Frary is sluicing the  
surface earth from around the mine.  
From what I could see it looks like  
there might be some money made by  
good management, and a very small  
outlay of money. At least it would  
bear looking after. Frary will never  
make anything without help - and  
after what he has said I would not advise



you to do anything for him. If you  
wish me to do any more in the matter  
write me - and at the same time write  
to Frank. Frank says he will write you,  
if he does let me know what he writes,  
I want you to get Classen's interest  
in the Pioneer mine, because you  
will never get anything more from  
him, be sure and not mention my  
name to Classen - do this immediately -  
and write me.

I have some notion of  
investing in a mining Enterprise how  
will you go in with me - the amount  
of Capital is not great say six thousand  
dollars Cash. After the Cash payment  
the thing would be self sustaining.  
Will you go in with me and take  
half and raise half the money to pay cash.

I do not know what I will do  
this, but if after looking more fully  
into the matter I may wish to do  
so. You know that I am very cautious  
and would not invest unless I was  
quite sure it was a good thing. The  
amount of cash is small and it will  
not require any more money to carry  
it on. Say if you will go in and

if I can brow beat you if I make the  
trade. I will stay and attend to the matter  
if the trade is made. I have just commenced  
to work on the beams of the Pioneer and if  
I make the trade spoken of I will be able  
to give you back what money you will  
pay in - this fall. Write immediately and  
be sure to make the arrangement with  
Classen that I have written of.

Yours Truly  
John Parkman



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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't,

San Fran 9<sup>th</sup> 1871

Received at

Palisade 9 18 7/8<sup>45</sup> M. RW

To Geo Hest

President wants forty  
four hundred dollars  
for half Cement mine  
the gravel yard seven  
dollars per ton time  
expires Thursday what  
must be done

Parham

A & P to in for for Cement  
3 5 - Collect 1.75  
Gow

John Parham



There is a mine near Placerville (Gold  
Quartz) that was taken up some two years  
ago. The original locators ran in a tunnel  
by contract some 60 feet - then stopped  
a short time & let out another contract  
to go on. This 2<sup>d</sup> party struck the vein  
but not having means to carry out his  
contract and the White Pine excitement  
breaking out he put up a strong frame  
in the mouth of the tunnel & put a  
good door to it - put all the tools  
inside the tunnel & locked all in  
and ~~then~~ went to White Pine -  
Shortly after his departure two men  
went to the mine broke open the door  
& took possession of every thing by a  
jump.

The mine is paying now splendidly  
Last week paid \$7000 - worth.

The original owners have gone  
to put on an injunction but have no  
means to carry on any suit. The present  
money is loaned to them. They offer  
1/4th interest if I will furnish \$250 -  
to pay lawyers fees - First allowing  
me to look & see if every thing is  
correct as regards their statement  
but whoever goes up must take the  
\$250 - as they want to stop the talking  
out of my nose on. I don't have been  
taken out within a short time.



*Description  
of Mine*



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PHOENIX MINING COMPANY  
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Phoenix Mining Co

To

Theobald Bayer

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November 6	1	Drill & lung 3 picks	6
January 8	1	Kitket	8
	8	50 feet of lumber	2 25
			\$ 16 25 2

Received payment  
Theobald Bayer



Phoenix Mine  
Account of Labor  
for the month of March

Corvillie Limited Co.

By "Twenty Six" days work at  
a \$2.00 per day \$52.00

A. Kincaid Co.

By "Twenty five" days work  
at \$3.00 per day \$75.00  

---

127.00

Cr. By Amount paid  
for Hauling timbers for Mine 3.00  
Total \$130.00



Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866  
Dear Sir Take your  
time about coming to see  
us shall keep the work going

as fast as possible  
P. <sup>up</sup>Amicail



Phoenix Mine

Statement of Labor for the month of  
April 1866

C. Kincaid	23 days @ 3	\$ 69
C. Alsted	24 days @ 2	48
Kincaid Paul Howe for 3 Shep		5
Total		\$ 122.00

I certify the above statement  
to be correct.

Orrie Kincaid



May 11<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Phoenix Mine

Hon. J. Van Ness Sen. Sir

You wish me  
to give you a description of the  
work at the Mine

The work at the present time ~~consists~~  
is the running of a tunnel 280 ft.  
which will strike the bottom of the  
shaft that was sunk last fall.

The object of the tunnel is to  
thoroughly explore the ground under  
the croppings on the point where  
Mr. Hearst wished some prospecting  
done. Another object is to enable  
us to sink the shaft deeper  
without being obliged to put on  
machinery. When the tunnel  
is completed we shall then be able  
to put ~~the~~ windless in the bottom  
of the shaft and shall be able  
to <sup>save</sup> 100 ft. of hoisting



This will enable us to go down  
with the shaft water or no water.  
I think the work can be completed  
in about ten days. Enough has been  
developed to show that the vein  
in the shaft is the only one in  
that vicinity and the croppings on  
the outside certainly justify the  
expectation that we shall get a good  
ledge at a proper depth.

I am satisfied that this and No. 2 are  
the same and as the ground is  
solid and unbroken and we are  
now at a water level we are  
justified in the belief that the  
next forty or fifty feet will show  
us whether we have got a mine  
or not. I would recommend putting  
on two shifts & if the water is as  
bad as I expect we shall need  
three shifts, the work can then  
be prosecuted without stopping  
an hour. And it will cost no

more in the end nor as much  
as it will to run one shift.

I Remain Respectfully Yours  
Orvin Kivcuel



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MINES - CALIFORNIA

IVANPAH DISTRICT

1871

PAIUTE COMPANY

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San Francisco Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1871

George Hearst Esq.  
Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. duly arrived, asking information of Mines in this District, which I give with much pleasure, and will commence with the Eugene Mine, on which a very irregular inclined shaft has been sunk of about 140 feet, out of which has been taken some 13 tons of ore averaging \$900 per ton. No continuous lead has yet been found, the ore occurring in pockets of 3 or 4 feet in depth & a few inches wide, although the general strike is about West. This Mine has been generally worked on shares and is consequently in a very bad shape at present, but with a few weeks, or months work, would probably look much better. At present there is but little ore in sight, and only a few sacks on the dump. As the mine now appears I would not advise a purchase. It might pay to prospect the claim with the privilege of buying at a low figure, as considerable ore may probably be found, but it is not in sight.



The best looking mine at present in the District is the Lezzi Bullcock & Chief of Sumner, formerly located as 2 leads, but now traced together.

A vein of high grade ore is stripped for 150 feet, averaging 3 or 4 inches with good hanging and foot walls about 3 1/2 feet apart. A tunnel 85 feet or present length is being run on high grade ore, averaging 4 inches of solid mineral of perhaps \$1000 per ton, and the ore is generally widening in the floor of the tunnel. There is a good prospect of this lead holding out in length and depth. The breast of tunnel to surface is about ~~40 or~~ forty feet, giving a triangular piece of ground for stoping. About 5 1/2 tons of probably \$1000 Ore has been taken from the tunnel, and 10 tons of Milling ore of say \$200 per ton. An adit can be run 100 feet deeper than the present tunnel & tap the lead in about 150 feet, and the mine lays well to work by shaft, it being nearly vertical.

The tunnel costs about \$15 per foot, which for 5 1/2 tons Ore would cost for extraction nearly \$250<sup>00</sup> per ton for the shipping ore, but including Milling ore, the cost would be about \$80<sup>00</sup> per ton

of course in stoping. The expense will be greatly reduced. But how much I could not now state.

The course of the Mine is N. Westerly with a ~~Southerly~~<sup>Northerly</sup> dip. & so with most of the mines in the District.

Another lead of perhaps equal value is the Beatrice No 1 & 2, owned by the McFarlane Brothers. it is of much the same character as the Lezzi Bullcock but contains more copper. The two claims are about 300 feet apart but will probably prove to be one mine. The ore on the outcrop is much wider than the "Lezzi" but decreases below to a few inches. If permanent this Mine could be tapped at a depth of several hundred feet.

Another of their locations called the Snow Storm is generally considered their best claim, although sufficient work has not been done to prove its width, but will apparently average 18 inches of \$225 ore much of it being high grade. It is easily milled, being a chloride ore, with but little base. The McFarlane Bros have several other



claims, from which large quantities of shipping and milling ores can be obtained.

On the Tompkins mine a shaft 30 feet deep has been sunk on the lead which shows from the surface down an average width of 4 inches. And a number of other ledges have been located showing more or less rich ores.

In addition to the foregoing there are several claims of from 6 inches to 2 feet in width of lower grade ores of \$75 to \$300 per ton. Together with rich lead mines, containing a large percentage of silver which would work \$150 & \$200 per ton in silver and 50% or more in lead.

I have mentioned a few of the mines now being worked, out of some 700 locations, which contain the usual percentage of wild cat.

The great want here now is a 5 or 10 stamp mill (dry crushing with roasting furnace attached). A mill of either capacity would prove a rich investment

for the owners, and would speedily bring this District into notice.

There is plenty of timber for milling purposes, and good mill sites, but the Springs are too small to run a wet crushing mill. Some of the ores are free and would work easily, others contain a percentage of copper and would require roasting, and some are smelting ores, but the greatest number are milling ores and could be worked profitably by mill process.

Probably 50 tons of ore has been shipped to San Francisco, and the millmen there ought to have an intelligent idea of the nature of the ores shipped, and the best process for working them.

The formation of the section in which the high grade ores are found is limestone, resembling very much the White Pine dolomite. The gangue is yellow spar. The lower grade ores are found in a porphyritic granite formation.

I have not mentioned in this letter the claims of the Pute Co. some of which are no doubt valuable, but are not



generally shipping ores.

I think if you visited this District you would be favorably impressed. There is certainly money to be made with a mill or in purchasing mines at reasonable figures, but they are not yet sufficiently developed to warrant purchasing at high rates.

Some Mexicans are putting up Arrastras to work by Patio process. 2 are now running. I weighed about three hundred dollars in silver for them to day from 1 1/2 tons 2<sup>nd</sup> class ore. The silver is of very good quality & the Mexicans say is easily worked. They charge \$100<sup>00</sup> per ton for working.

Cord Wood could be contracted for at \$9 per cord delivered. Salt can be obtained 12 miles from the camp. Freight at present is 6 cents per lb from Los Angeles & 4 cents return freight, but with any increased trade could be delivered here <sup>from San Francisco</sup> via Colorado River for 4 cents per lb.

The fact that the Miners pay right along, and with every obstacle to contend with from lack of capital, speaks very favorably for the natural

resources of the District and I think ought to claim the attention of Capitalists.

I have been in the employ of the Pinto Company for 12 months, but they suspended operations 6 months ago and now owe me about \$1000 which I am rather dubious about ever receiving. Gross mismanagement was the cause of their suspending operations.

Having written as much as you will probably care to read at one sitting I will conclude.

Would like to hear from you at any time.

Yours truly  
William France

P. S.

The miners are trying to organize a joint stock company to build a 5 or 10 stamp mill.



Wm France  
Frank, Aug, 1871  
mines

Letter from  
Wm France, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug  
1871



Memo: Statement of Mining Property, Machinery,  
& personal effects, belonging to the Pitts River  
Mining Company, of Chicago, Illinois,  
follows:

The Niagara Lode, Situate South, in which are 127 1/2 ft.  
Main Tunnel, 70 feet x cut 20 ft, cost say \$1,800.<sup>00</sup>  
a Log House at mouth of Tunnel, " " 100.00  
also a Road heretofore in the Gulch, " 100.00

" Grant Western Lode, Situate North, in which are, 45 1/2 ft.  
Incline shaft, say 40 feet, cost say \$600.<sup>00</sup>

" North Hill Lode, Situate North, in which are, 66 1/2 ft.  
Main Entrance, say 20 feet, cost say \$300.<sup>00</sup>

" Napoleon Lode, Situate South, in which are 137 1/2 ft.  
Main entrance, say 10 feet, cost say \$150.<sup>00</sup>

" Young America Lode, Situate South, in which are 150 ft.  
Main entrance or Tunnel, say 10 feet, cost say \$1800.<sup>00</sup>

" Grenia Lode, Situate South, in which are 1600 ft.  
Supposed to be a good location for work on it.

" Great Prize Lode, Situate North, in which are 300 ft.  
Main entrance, from 5 to 10 feet, cost say \$100.<sup>00</sup>

" May Jack Lode, Situate South, in which are 200 ft.

" Nevada Lode, Situate North, in which are 400 ft.  
Total n. Feet 6,657 ft.  
but little work done on this prospect



The Mill Site, in which, is erected the  
Mill Building, say 20 x 40 ft, cost say \$1500.00

The Lot, in which is erected the Boarding  
House, of two combined 20 x 30 ft, cost say \$130.00

The claim for one hundred fifty acres  
Pine Timber Land, located May 24/70

August Nelson's Interest in the Mill Site  
located May 24/70 for "Dan Webster & Bully Boy" & Co.

one Portable Engine, (Blauy's make)  
with 15 Horse Power, Boiler, cost say

one "Ford's" Battery cost say \$3750.00

Two Wheeler's Pans & one Sifter " " 2250.00

Beltting, Packing, Rope & Co " " 200.00

Iron, Steel, Nails, Miners Tools, Sanders & Co. 250.00

Blacksmith & Carpenters Tools & Co. say 400.00

Quick Silver & Chemicals on hand " 375.00

Cooking Stove, Furniture, Crockery & Co. " 100.00

Groceries &undry articles " 250.00

one pair young mares & yoke harness, 500.00

This Company was organized under  
the laws of the state of Illinois, with  
capital stock at \$250,000.00



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MINES - CALIFORNIA

SCOTT RIVER GRAVEL &  
MINING CO.

1867

SCOTT BAR

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Scotts Bay Sept 12/67<sup>75</sup>  
Mr. A. Pollock  
Secy. S. R. & M. Co<sup>3</sup>

Dear Sir—  
Your letters of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> have  
respectively both come to  
hand, the latter containing  
Certificate of Deposits for  
\$320, on the Pacific Bank.

The Certificate comes at  
a very opportune time,  
as we are needing the money  
badly, I think we have  
got down on the bed-  
rock just back of the  
pump, if it is not, it is  
a huge rock composed  
of the same materials as  
the bed rock itself, I will  
know certainly whether it  
is bed rock, or not, in all



- human probability, try  
to-morrow night. All of  
the <sup>bed</sup> rock we have found  
so far in the cut, is hard  
and smooth, & with no  
-thing but loose sand  
and gravel on it. I have  
been troubled very much in  
getting a drift started -  
again for the pay than,  
on the mine, I have finally  
got it under way, and  
more & certain hope to  
commence sliding  
down some gold dust  
soon. The gravel in the  
main cut, has paid  
so little this week, that I  
have not deemed it  
worth clearing up.

If it is bed rock, we  
have in the cut, we may  
get some pay out

of that this coming  
week, as by the middle  
or latter part of next  
week, if we have no  
bad luck, we will get  
down into the crevice  
& low portions of the  
rock, where we ought  
to find something if  
there is anything in  
the cut at all. I will  
keep you duly posted  
in regard to every move  
I make; as I stated in  
my last, it is my in-  
-tention shortly, to start  
a tunnel ~~from~~ the high  
-rock back towards the  
mountain, whether  
we get down in the  
channel or not. I  
am pushing the work  
ahead as fast as poss.

I don't think we are at all, in fact he will say we are  
wrong, we are in error as concerning the fact.

ible: I feel sure that  
there is no member of  
the Company more  
anxious than my-  
self, to get the claim  
to paying regular, &  
big; My maternal  
prospects, having now  
on the result of the  
enterprise we are enga-  
ged in, so you see,  
that the Pool-fairing-  
have a "heap" at stake.

I will write you again  
Sunday if anything  
worthy of note transpires  
between now & then.  
I was in hopes you could  
send me a man you  
were personally acquainted  
with, & for whom you  
could vouch; unless you  
are very certain that you  
are reading a good man

- If we don't find pay  
him soon either in the  
cut or tunnel, or get  
some money from  
some other source, I  
will be forced to suspend  
the work, for I can't get  
hands to work unless  
they are paid off pretty  
much every Saturday-  
night. I wish you would  
ad those members of the  
Company who <sup>are</sup> reside in  
the City, & talk over the  
matter & let me know your  
conclusion. I should like  
it very much if some  
member of the Compa-  
ny would come to see &  
report the exact sit-  
uation of affairs. -



I may strike into pay  
again this week yet  
if we may run on a  
trundled put in <sup>the</sup> direction  
we are going without  
finding any pay. We will  
in my opinion find ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup>  
last pay back of the channel  
next to the mountain, &  
it is my intention to  
start a tunnel for the  
high rock rock some  
time next week in case  
I can keep the thing mo-  
ving along. I want to  
hear from you as  
soon as possible & in  
the mean time if there  
is any favorable change  
takes place we will be  
certain to write to you  
Truly & Respectfully Yours  
M. J. Paul

Scott Bar Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Wm A. Bolingst 3  
Deary S R G M Co 3  
Dear Sir,

I have nothing of particular  
interest to communicate this  
week, further than that I  
am pushing the work ahead  
as rapidly as possible under  
the circumstances. We have been  
engaged the greater portion of the  
past week mining in our open  
-cuts, and have had to run  
nearly the entire distance, through  
ground that had been worked  
-out by Hopper & Co, so that  
we have <sup>did</sup> not turn out much  
gold dust last week, \$27 was  
the full extent of the work-  
-work. I expect we will get  
some pretty good pay this



- work: Whatever is taken  
out, I will send tutors  
in case I get a certificate  
of deposits in time to  
meet my payments next  
Saturday night. We have  
uncovered considerable  
bed rock in the cut,  
but as yet have found  
no pay; the rock where  
we have got on it, has been  
smooth & hard, with a  
loose sand and gravel  
lying on it, it is my  
design before long, in  
case I find we are going  
to have trouble getting the  
pump down on the rock,  
in the channel, to start a  
tunnel, & run back to  
the high rock between  
the deep channel, and

Bluff, My reason for  
doing so, is that if there  
is any big pay in the  
flat at all, we will find  
probably as good as any  
on the high rock back  
of the channel, as any stone  
in the flat, & we have  
ground enough there  
to keep 25 men working  
for the next five years  
at least; and in the mean-  
-time we can mine in  
the channel at our dis-  
-posal, or leave that to sell  
with. In your reply to  
this let me have  
your views on the subject  
& let me hear from you  
soon

Yours & Respectfully  
J. S. Paul

below, in person. If you  
can possibly spare the time  
to make a flying trip up  
here, I wish you would do  
so. Of course if I strike  
pay, & get to taking out  
plenty of cash, I can make  
everything go along all right,  
but if I don't strike pay soon  
I can't run much longer.  
I have to pay \$24 a week  
more for water. I will prob-  
ably write you again Wed-  
nesday morning. I will if  
anything new occurs, let  
me hear from you soon

Yours  
W. Paul

Scott Bar Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1867 -  
Mr A. Boling 3  
San Francisco 3

I have nothing  
particular to communicate  
further than I have already  
advised you of. I got a little  
prospect Friday & Saturday,  
the first for some time. I  
thought at first that the gold  
came from the tunnel, but  
on a closer examination, I  
ascertained that it came  
out of the main cut. I took  
out Friday & Saturday \$68-  
dollars, which was all that  
was taken out last week.  
Nearly all of that came out  
of the cut. The week before  
we only got \$12.25 but we



were occupied most of the  
week in blasting & taking out  
big rock from the cut. It  
is no trick at all to get rid  
of these big rock when we  
can get them above water  
but it is nearly lightning  
getting them out from  
under the pump. We will  
have to blast one from  
under the pump this week,  
or before we can lower the  
pump any further. I think  
we will find some pretty  
good pay in the cut as  
soon as we can get the  
pump down a couple  
of feet. Hopper has not  
answered my last note,  
the purport of which I wrote  
you in my last, & I infer  
from his silence, that he  
means hostility: He is

stopping over on Mc-  
Adams Creek, about six  
- miles from Ft Jones. I  
was compelled to keep the  
dust that I am taking  
out, in order to keep the  
claims from moving along.  
I only have a little over  
thirty dollars left now  
after sitting off with the  
men <sup>getting part</sup> ~~has~~ work, so that  
we must "get some money  
from the Claims right  
away, or from some  
other quarter or source  
still, suspended the work,  
I have been in hopes that  
Hearst would come  
through here on his way  
from Idaho so that he  
could see just how matters  
stood, & explain to the  
members of the Company

Scott Barr-Cole Sept 24th 1868

George Hearse  
Sir

I conclude it might not be out of place to write you a line on the subject of your Mining claim at this place.

There is several miners and others here that speaks of working the claim should the company not commence work shortly.

They are men that the company owes money to for labor and other things, they will redeem the claim from Westfall before commencing to work.

as to the worth or value of the claim it still remains an uncertainty it has not as yet been well prospect. I believe it to be the best show for a good claim of any in this region.

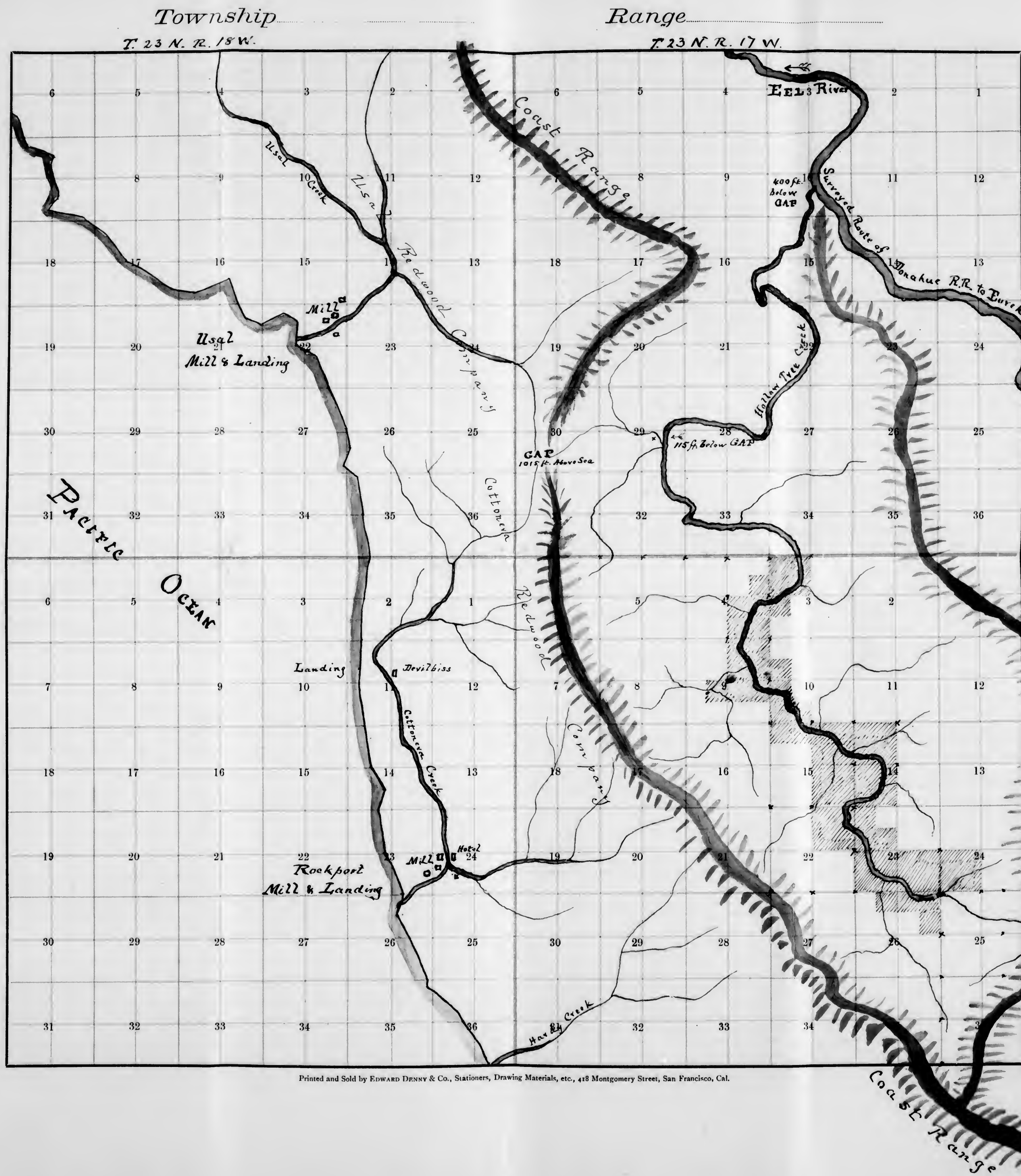
Should your company conclude not to work it again the party that speaks of working it would pay all demands against it that has a claim for the working it that is for balance due on labor timber and water bill. Should you think this of sufficient importance to merit an answer I would like to have one from you.

P.S. (I think Mr Westfall a good manager and don't think the best could have been done in the claim under the circumstances)

Respectfully

Wm. Sherris





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A. CASAMAYOU  
AUSTIN

1863-1872

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Ribo is now on his way to San Francisco to sell stock. Among others he has 310 shares of Vulcan that I know of, and which he would sell for perhaps four or five dollars per share. An acquaintance of mine gave <sup>him</sup> 105 shares to sell for him, and he told him he might sell them for \$10. per share. It is not likely that you will come across this Ribo as he is quite a common man. But if you should you must take his statements with many grains of allowance, as he has the reputation among those who know him best, of being an infernal liar. I do not think the stock is very desirable on account of the great number of shares there is in the company. I would rather prefer to buy in the company adjoining the Otho. They have I believe 1000 feet on that ledge and though some of it was sold here last summer as high as \$33 per foot, I think I could get it now for much less, as money is awfully scarce in these parts, and feet are very plenty.

A new discovery about three miles north west of the Yankee Glade is just now making a great stir here. The mine is called the Amador and the place the San Francisco Cañon. The ledge is said to be 10 feet thick and the specimens brought in are very rich. I was going there to-day, but the weather is awful. I do not think I could possibly go to the Cortez District this winter. It is 80 miles from here, without a human habitation on the route. The weather is very severe and the probability is that the ground would be covered with snow by the time I got there so that I could see nothing. I have a great deal more to tell you but I will postpone it for two or three days, as it will take at least four pages to tell it. The Monte Cristo ground I decided to go over a year ago. You must apply to him for it.

Yours,  
A Casamayor

Austin, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Geo. Hearst, Esq.  
San Francisco

Friend George:- Your three last letters have reached me, and I thank you for the kindly feelings which you manifest towards me, the more so as I feared that my last purchase of Mills & Post would not meet with your approbation. If I have bought in that claim in preference to others it is not because I consider it extraordinarily rich or extensive (though in these respects it will compare favorably with the majority of the mines in the Reese River District) but because, with the foothold we already have in that claim I thought we could pick up a sufficient number of stray shares to give us the control of the company. Your ideas in regard to owning shares in companies which are controlled by others coincide precisely with mine. If I had wanted feet, I could have had, <sup>them</sup> by the thousand, for I have been solicited - I ought rather to say importuned, to take them on my own terms; but I would not pay assessments on six tenths of the mines incorporated in this District. The whole thing has been gotten up wrong from the start. When the men who first opened or rather found the mines here were ascertaining that the leads would certainly pay from \$200. to \$500 per ton in the mills, I took these assertions to be more than credible. I thought that men in these days knew too much about ore to be thus deceived by assays of selected pieces. But I was mistaken, for it appears that they really believed what they said. Not only



did the miners believe this, but the men who built the mills now here and who, by the way, are about the greenest set of mill men I ever saw, also believed it. They therefore hurried up their little machines and went to crushing at the rate of \$100. per ton. Buell, who first got to running, very soon raised his price to \$125.<sup>00</sup> per ton and was supplied with ore at that rate for a considerable time. Another or two mills getting under way, he subsided to his original price of \$100 per ton, at which rate they have all crushed, whenever they did get anything to crush, up to the present time. I do not suppose that you will astonish you a bit when I tell you that miners soon found out that their ore could not stand such a tariff and leave them any margin to work on. In many cases, rock which was confidently expected to pay several hundred dollars per ton, fell short of the mill charges. Then the old story of the mills being good for nothing was revived. The consequence of all this has been that a mutual dislike and distrust exists between miners and mill men. These latter, finding they can get no work at \$100. have just come down to \$75. This move has been made too late, because few claims are open so that work can be done in winter, and besides the price is too high yet by about \$40 per ton. From the best data I can gather, there is an abundance of ore which will yield from \$50 to 75 and 100 \$ per ton. Had the mills put the price of crushing to \$30 per ton and refused to take anything less than 25 ton lots, they would all have been kept going night and day, and the country would be developed. All this will come by and bye. A mill costs more here than it does in Virginia, that is the first cost is greater, but over up it can be run cheaper for labor is the same and fuel only half price.

I visited the Santa Fe District last summer and was much pleased with the looks of the country. The ledges there are full as large as they are in Virginia and I should not be at all surprised if some of them would turn out splendidly. The Vulcan Company you speak of I have found out all about from the very man who had taken a contract to run their tunnel, and who left there a few days ago only because he could not get his pay. The company has four ledges. The first and probably the only good one is called the "Otho". It runs along the base of the mountain, north and south. About two hundred feet above, and running parallel with it is the Veatch, and about four hundred feet still higher and running parallel with the others is another called the Black Ball. South of this and separated from the others by a long ravine, down which runs a beautiful stream of water, is the fourth called the Mayflower. The tunnel of the company is intended to cut the Otho, Veatch and Black Ball. It is not yet to the first one, so that croppings are all you can see. I am pretty sure that the rock shown to you came from the Otho as some very fine ore came out of the croppings. The company owned six hundred feet of this ledge. Old S<sup>r</sup> Veatch who, with others, owned the other ledges above humbugged them into a consolidation, and the whole was incorporated under the name of the Vulcan Company, with 4,000 shares. The "Otho" boys now see their mistake, as their 600 feet were worth more than all the rest. The Otho is about 10 feet thick on the surface. All of this is not good of course, but a great many fine samples can be found in the center of the lead. I saw these ledges myself when there but did not know the name of the company. A Frenchman by the name of



some sharp financing to do in order to hold up without troubling  
you too much, for it really looks like murder to be leaning on you  
always.

I will let up for the present, and write again in a few  
days. Please remember me to Joe, and believe me

Yours, truly,  
A Casamayor

Austin, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

George Hearst, Esq.  
San Francisco

Friend George. - After filling the four  
pages of my last letter I promised to write again. Before entering into  
details of separate mines I will give you a few more general reasons  
why this country has deceived so many expectations. The difference  
between this country and Virginia is that in the latter place a vast mineral  
deposit is concentrated in the Comstock vein, whereas here a still greater  
amount of ore is disseminated over a large tract of country in much smaller  
veins. This is doubtless owing to the comparatively soft nature of the  
granite bed rock, which, when the great upheaval took place, allowed this  
mineral mass to spread itself in small veins over a large extent of  
country. The veins around Austin are not any larger than are the  
quartz veins of Nevada County, in California. They are more numerous  
and more uniformly rich. Had each vein been taken up by two or  
three men, with the intention of working <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~, as you did with your  
LeCompton, for instance, they would generally have given favorable results.  
But the host of adventurers and sharpers who flocked here were all  
bent upon making their fortunes in one season. They therefore went  
to work and incorporated every seam of quartz in the country and  
rushed to the market with their stock. Few mines here ought ever  
to have been incorporated by themselves; - they are not of sufficient  
extent to justify the issue of such amounts of script as have been  
issued. The only reasonable way of incorporating is for a company  
to get a mill and two or three ledges and work till the concern pays



dividends. This I believe can be done because the ore is generally sure to pay. This project I had entertained and intended to submit to you when I expected your visit. I have one ledge of good ore secured; there is but 800 ft. - one half of that belongs to yourself and I, and the rest I control. Another which assays from \$300 to \$800 per ton I can get for a song this winter by proper management. My purchase of Mills & Post Stock was made with a view of controlling that company, and this would have been enough to supply an eight stamp mill for several years. My intention was to issue a given number of Shares, out of which 200 at \$250. a piece would have been sold. This would have given a cash capital of \$50,000, to be applied towards the purchase of a mill and mine. After Baron Reithofen told me that you had let down on the country, I agreed to go into this operation with a Frenchman who represents here a Stockton company. He is confident he can dispose of a sufficient number of Shares among French and American houses in Stockton and San Francisco to get the thing up, though we may have to do it on a much smaller scale than if you <sup>had</sup> taken hold of it. Two hundred Shares are soon sold if the right sort of men take hold. If you think well of this it is time between this and next spring. George May arrived here two days ago; I will get deeds for what belongs to you. We have made an arrangement with Whitlatch to take 25 tons of ore out of the Union No 2 and work it. When I arrived here this claim was in high favor. I was offered \$400 per foot for my ten feet, but thinking that work was to be prosecuted steadily and this being the first jump the claim had taken I was persuaded

to hold on. Instead of this, however, Whitlatch who had the control of the mine stopped all work and went to running the stock down with a view of buying at all. A San Francisco party is in with him. Drinkhouse, a man named Hasker and others are the party. As they are the only ones who buy they have put the price down to \$50 per share. The company has just been incorporated in San Francisco and I foolishly signed the Trust deed. George May, however, did not, and now that we are going to take peaceable possession of the shaft, we have made up our minds not to leave it until it suits us. We will either <sup>make</sup> some money out of the mine or force them to buy us out. If I can get another offer of \$400 per foot, yours and mine will go sure, unless some extraordinary ore should be found.

The ground is covered with a foot of snow and prospecting is at an end. The boys in the Washington District are housed and I gave them \$150 worth of provisions. We have about 1000 feet a piece in several ledges which they located in the immediate vicinity of the New Hope. I do not know whether you ever heard of this mine or not. It is an immense vein, and at a very small depth, they have got first class ore. Our ledges are also large and the croppings assay \$15 and \$35. The croppings of the New Hope did not assay more as a general thing. As soon as I am able I will get down some depth on one or two. If they turn out well I can arrange so as to control the whole thing. The ledges are very large in all the districts except Reese River. But they are also more difficult to open. A man can do nothing with a pick; it takes powder. Besides they are all from 30 to 80 miles from the nearest place where they can buy a pound of flour, which makes it necessary to have horses and complete outfits. I have had



Austin, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 1864

George Hearst, Esq.  
San Francisco

Dear George:- I know you have been expecting to hear from me for some time past, but things, in this fickle country, are so very uncertain, that I have waited until certain arrangements which I was trying to perfect would assume some sort of shape. In the first place all that I told you I was expecting to do in my last letter has fallen through; Capt. Smith has proved a worse case than I had ever suspected. When he first arrived in Austin he spoke as if he had some money left, with which to go East and when I wrote I thought so from his talk. But I soon found out that he was totally and irretrievably broke and that all his hopes rested upon the sale of his third of the Big Creek property. The mortgage did not appear to him as a bar to his receiving any money, even if a sale was effected, indeed he spoke of what he expected to get for his third of that little saw mill as if it was his free and unincumbered. He would have found himself mistaken had a purchaser presented himself - but as none offered, he wound up by proposing to me, through a third party, that we would give him one thousand dollars with which to go East, which proposition I promptly declined and that let him out. He laid around all winter, penniless and a burden on old man Roberts, who finally, in order to get rid of him, raised money enough to buy him a horse and provisions with which he joined a party bound to Prescott, Arizona. I think that will



be the last we will hear of him. I made him sign a deed to you of the mortgaged property which is acknowledged, but not allowed nor recorded. I did this to save taxes on the mortgage and expenses of foreclosure. If the deed is recorded the mortgage must be released. Please let me know if that suits you.

Now we come to the matter which is the subject of this letter. I have entered into negotiations with a gentleman here by the name of Newmark, who is superintendent of a company which he organized in New York. I believe he is a Jew, born in New York and educated in England where he has connections. He is willing to go to England with this property and nothing else, and to do this at his own cost. ~~He~~ I have just returned from Costa, with Dr. Stetchley who went there to examine the property for him. Stetchley is pleased with it, and so far everything is all right, but this is of course but a preliminary examination. The question now is as to title. Can you call a meeting of all the Shareholders and get them to authorize the Trustees to convey the property to him, or if you think that would be giving him too much latitude, to a third party of your selection, who would bind himself to convey to him on payment of a certain stipulated sum? I could send proxies for all parties concerned up here and Mr. Newmark insists that I ought to come to San Francisco with these proxies and never leave until I get the matter straightened out. I think he is right and I would start as soon as I could get Winber's proxy, if I wasn't so d-d poor. I have been hoping that the San Francisco Shareholders would pay the first installment, which would liquidate last summer's work and give me money enough to keep the claims up this summer. But from what Dupell tells me there is no prospect of their paying a cent. Now the keeping of this property involves on my part, besides the keep of two horses, my expenses of living and travel between the two points. I have already mortgaged the little property on Virginia Street because I did not want

to draw on you, nor is there any need of this if the parties there will not act honorably. But if they do not I shall have to throw up the sponge; I am liable to be cleaned out every moment and I certainly will be unless something turns up either from New York or San Francisco.

As soon as this letter reaches you you had better call a meeting of the Shareholders of the four Companies, and without issuing any stock, get them to authorize the Trustees to convey the property either to Newmark, to you or to me, as you may see fit. Newmark says he is acquainted with Mr. Van Bunt and he has written to him. You can ascertain from Mr. V. B. who he is and what he is; I know but little about him myself.

If you want the Grimes note to collect it from Roberts I will send it to you. John is in jail at Carson waiting his trial; he will not be hung, but I reckon that financially he is wiped out forever. His hopes of a strike through Kallonell are all gone, - that sale of theirs at Silver Peak was the most outrageous, out and out swindle ever perpetrated. You remember how enthusiastically Grimes spoke to you about Silver Peak - I invested one hundred dollars in getting up a series of ledgers for Kallonell to sell in the East; he has got all the papers, but the thing is played out. Kallonell will never sell another mine.

I will write again in a day or two, after must talk more with Newmark as he wants to agree upon a fixed price, and I will let know what can be



done. This thing is undertaken in earnest.  
Newmark will not spend less than four thousand  
dollars of his own money in this operation

Yours truly  
A Casamayou



Austin, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864.

George Hearst }  
San Francisco }

Dear George:— Through kindness of Mr. Meredith I send you specimens of N<sup>o</sup> 1 and 2, and also of supposed coal. I had to wait till I could get fresh specimens of N<sup>o</sup> 1— else I would have sent them before. Black rock is turning out well; Mr. Meredith has specimens taken out of the mine yesterday which he can show you. George Story writes from Jones that the Mountain Brown ledge broke off in the incline at 80 ft deep. He is sinking a shaft which he thinks will strike it at 50 feet deep. The Union Mill Company of this place is purchasing quartz at Jones at from \$20 to \$50 per ton, and hauling it to Austin. Sutor, who had a mill at Dayton which burned down last fall, wants to come here to build a mill. His brother from whom I get my information tells me he advises him to go to Jones. If something is not done with that place in a short time, I am afraid you will be too late. George Story wants more money. I collected \$100 from John Guines— \$80 went for Erie stock— the rest for Marshal. I am waiting with great impatience to know whether you are coming or not— and whether this storm has affected you so as to prevent your undertaking anything of importance. If you do not come I can rent the house and build an arastra at Jones. Simons wishes me to go in with him in an operation of that kind, he can control quartz enough for several arastras. It is a slow and poor way of doing business, but expenses must be made.



If you bring a mill with you, bring no jaws. A dry  
crushing battery and tubs is all you want with a crushing flur-  
mace. What are you going to do with Cortez? Things over  
there look as if the place had received a death wound. Antonio,  
and Joe Samayoa ~~and Geo. May~~ whom I had sent to make improvements  
on the Humboldt ranches with Geo. May, until the arrival of Capell,  
when I expected to put them to work, send me message after  
message, that they will starve unless aided &c. They are anxious  
to work, but there is no work at Cortez, and there is none  
here either. I send them word that they had better join the  
Indians. I do not know what to do with myself - much less  
with others.

Yours very truly

A Casamayor

921 Powell St  
New house on corner  
south of Clay



To ~~Dr. [unclear]~~  
Canyon

Austin September 10<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Geo. Hearst Esq.  
San Francisco }

Friend George:- When Mr. Gasker was here I requested him to tell you that if you wanted to go into an operation there was a good opening here with the Victoria mine at Kingston. The ore is not rich but the ledge is a strong one and the facilities which the water power there afford are great, and a ten stamps mill could clear from \$50 to \$45 per day. The mine could be gotten for less than \$10,000, as the parties owning it are too poor to do anything with it. As you have not answered I suppose you have given up the idea of doing anything with it. A good deal of machinery lays in that canyon which might be got for a song, but the season is too far advanced to undertake anything in the building line. Still I wish you would give me your ideas about it.

The Democratic County Convention which met here a week ago, nominated me as the candidate of the party for County Clerk. I believe the chances are good for an election, but I am in a terrible fix to defray my portion of the expenses for the canvass. It will not be many days before the Central Committee will call upon me for an appointment



which will not be less than \$200, as the office for which I am nominated is one of the most important ones in the county. Besides I will have to go out some. Now I wish to know whether you could open a credit for me of say from 3 to 500. \$, with either the first National bank of Nevada or John A. Paxton & Co. I should prefer the first bank as I do not like Paxton. If you cannot go beyond \$300 I will try and get along with that although it will be very short. If you cannot go that let me know it immediately as I must make arrangements some how or other and I have no time to lose. If you cannot do it at all do not be ~~at all~~ <sup>a bit</sup> squeamish about letting me know, for you would hurt me by keeping me in suspense. The weather begins already to look winterish, although it is but a couple of months since we had the last snow storm. You have heard of White Pine of course; they have no ledges there but the deposits in limestone are extensive and very rich.

Please write me and I remain

Yours.

A Casamayor



Austin June 24<sup>th</sup> 1869.

George Hearst, Esq. }  
San Francisco }

Friend George:- I should have written to you before, but being busy, I have delayed from day to day. I did not expect that Werban would have come to you at this late day. You should have made him come out with a good round sum for yourself, because our case was good, and even if we had lost it it would have cost him at least \$5,000 to defend it. However, what is done is done, and there is no use talking any more about it. I telegraphed to you to place the money in the First National Bank, which is on Montgomery Street; the number I have forgotten. The name of the Bank here is the First National Bank of Nevada, and they have an agency in San Francisco. The President of the bank<sup>here</sup> is John W. Hartner.

Some friends of mine have located me in some claims in the Battle Mountain District which is near the mouth of Reese River, and close to the railroad. The mines there are principally copper and argentiferous galena. My



partners tell me that they have just discovered a vein of the latter metal which pays high. I have written them to send me some average specimens, and if they prove satisfactory I will buy and give you the handling of it if you want it. As it can be easily shipped to the bay, where it commands a ready market, a nice operation might be got under way with very little outlay, providing the mine turns out to be what they seem to expect. I regretted very much that I could not go to White Pine when it was time for a poor man to go there; but I had my nose to the grindstone and it was out of the question for me to think of going anywhere. Now it is too late. Besides I think there are better places. That victorious mine at Big Smoky, of which Charley Coover crushed 1000 tons is still there lying idle. If ever you go to White Pine you might come by the way of Austin and I will show it to you. You might, if you saw it, like it well enough to take hold of it - not to invest your money in it, but to manipulate it so as to make some money. My wife and I were very sorry to hear that your boy was unwell; he looked so healthy when I saw him, that I thought sickness would never overtake him. We hope he is better now. Austin is about gone up; - the Reveille has dropped to a Weekly, and I am chief cook of the concern, though my wages are pretty light. The fact is the

~~It~~ cannot afford to pay my high wages to anybody. I will send you next Saturday's number just to give you a sample of my editorial style. The paper is devoted exclusively to local matters; it has been up to the present time a black Republican machine, and we have compromised by agreeing to ignore politics altogether, as I was not willing to ~~agree~~ to write Republican articles. Besides the writing I have to do about half the type setting.

I wish you would write to me occasionally.

My wife wishes to be remembered to you and Mrs. Hunt.

Yours, truly

A Casamayou



chances of prospecting, and if a body of it should be found, it will turn out silver very fast.

It is impossible for me to leave Austin, my City Clerkship and my printing are matters that I cannot neglect, nor can I afford to throw them up. They give me a very good living. I have been sorely tempted to go out, however, and if I had been single I would not be in Austin now. There has been more prospecting done this season than ever before and some excellent districts have been found, some of them on the north side of the Humboldt river. They are all laid over till next Spring. Two of my friends are discoverers of very good mines, but they will do nothing with them till next season, for they had no means to stay there. If you wish particulars I can give them to you, for I see them every day.

My wife and I learned with pleasure that your wife and child are well. Remember us to Mr. H. and believe us yours,

A. Casaway

Austin Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1869

George Hearst, Esq.  
S. Francisco

Friend George: The money came duly to hand; also your last letter. I do not think you can do anything at Mineral Hill. There is ~~any~~ great deal of very fine ore there on top of the ground and down to a depth of five feet, which is as deep as they have got yet; but everything is held high, and when you take in consideration the uncertainty of the formation, which is limestone, I think the chances would all be against the purchaser. A mill is to be built there and this makes the holders still more exacting.

I got interested in Battle Mountain in this way: A friend of mine named Jacobs, who used to live at Humboldt, in Nevada County, located me for a sixth in all the locations which he made last spring. Out of the lot there are two good locations, one a copper mine, and another a galena mine. Three assays of the galena yielded as follows. No. 1 \$62. per ton silver and 85 per cent lead; No. 2. \$72 per



low silver and 75% lead; No 3, \$172. per ton silver and 34% lead. This is certainly very good. Jacobs writes me that a firm in San Francisco by the name of Jas. H. Selby & Co. have been talking of buying it. I believe they have a sack of the ore which Cullen brought down. Jacobs, however, has his ideas pretty high up. He wants to know from me whether \$20,000 is enough for it. I never was at Battle Mountain and could give him no advice, but I have no idea that he can get any such figures and told him so. Good miners who have seen the ledge tell me that as far as opened, it is really very fine.

There is now in San Francisco several sacks of copper ore, amounting to something like 2 1/2 tons, which Jacobs sent there through a man named Pickett, who has quite a large lot of his own. This is from the copper mine above alluded to.

Pickett's mines have just been sold in England by Mr Bateman who is here now, and has just paid over to Pickett & Co. the amount of the purchase money - \$30,000. currency.

Jacobs has many other locations which he cannot open for he is very poor. I sent him \$150. last week. He goes a great deal on me, and if you think you would like to get in I think I can get you in the company.

Sam. Clifford, who has been prospecting in Cortez sent me some ore to have assayed which he took from a new ledge on Mill Creek, about one mile above the mill. Nobody had ever prospected there. The assays went one \$801 per ton; the other \$1445. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per ton. This is awful ore. He has since sent me three more samples - one went \$227 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>; another \$820; and the third \$4245. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per ton, or over two dollars per pound. This is the richest rock that was ever found in the district. The very rich ore is a brownish, crumbling substance, called bromide. The \$227 and \$820 were quartz. Unfortunately this very rich ore is in small seams in the vein which is a very strong one, between granite and limestone. Sam says in his letter that he has about 1,000 pounds of the stuff out. He is to work with two partners of his - two very good miners. As I had staked my share of the outfit they located me in for a fourth. I regret that I was not on the ground to see to the location. I sent a friend of mine with instructions to have your name put in the next location at least; but Sam's partners had so many Irish friends, (they are both Irish) that they ~~are~~ were very rich having a row and he could not get you in. As the mine stands now it does not amount to much on account of the narrowness of the seams; these, however, will yield enough ore to pay the ex-



Austin, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1870  
Geo. Hearst, Esq.  
San Francisco

Friend George:- Some Nevada county boys, who know you well, have frequently spoken to me about some locations which they made last summer in the Bull Run district, situated, I believe, somewhere near the line which divides Nevada and Idaho. They tell me that you are interested in the locations made in that district by Gov. Shellis. I infer, therefore, that you know something about the country. The locations made by these parties are among the first made in the district, and they appear to have faith in their richness as far as they can judge from surface indications. I never was there, and therefore can form no



opinion in the matter. They are willing to dispose of the whole or a controlling interest in the property which, I think, consists of three mines, for a very small consideration. I promised them to write to you but have delayed for the last month. They want me to go and look at the mines; but this is no season to go into the wilderness and camp out, and besides I do not want to incur the loss of time and money unless I knew before hand that there was some show of doing something with the property, if it should prove as good as they represent it to be.

I wish you would let me know what you think of the matter, and whether property in that part of the country can be handled in San Francisco.

The mines at Dunbar Hill, that I went to see at your request a year ago last summer, are still there and Calais always talks to me about you

and wishes you would come and look at his mine. He has got it mortgaged and is very anxious to have you or some one else buy him out, as they threaten to foreclose. But this is no time to travel.

My wife wishes to be remembered to you.

Yours, truly,

A. Casamayou.

My respects to Mrs. H. and my love to Master A.



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Austin June 15 1872  
New 15 2400

Received at San Francisco,

13 M.

To Geo Hearst.

Murphy again in  
the way with  
Cortez boys Will  
write particulars today

A. Casamayou

72 Co. [unclear]

SW



Austin, June 20. 1872

Friend George:

Your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> mid just received. From the tenor of it it is quite evident that you are laboring under a misapprehension as to the true state of affairs, so far, at least, as I am personally concerned. I hope that the letter which I wrote you immediately after forwarding the telegram of the 15<sup>th</sup> has reached you and explained everything. I have given Murphy no bond, neither has Clifford. I do not know about Fitzgerald or McAllister, for they have not yet come in from Cortez, but I do not believe that they have <sup>signed</sup> any bond either. I do not think that you are quite just in blaming <sup>me</sup> for not having bound the parties; I was waiting for an answer from you to their demand of \$3,000 each; that answer I have never received. Moreover I did not wish to appear in hot haste immediately after your visit to the mine, and in the meantime this Murphy matter was sprung upon me from Cortez. I had no idea that that crowd would ever interfere with us again, but it seems that Murphy and Fitzgerald had



been corresponding, and this last letter of Murphy's was  
so very positive about a sale being made that I could do  
or say nothing except wait. You must bear in mind that  
the old bond given Murphy by Fitzgerald and McAllister  
called for \$5,000 each, and that when it was renewed for  
thirty days last winter, they raised him a little, making not  
far from \$6,000 each. At the expiration of this extension  
I did my best to persuade them to abandon any hope of  
Murphy's ever effecting any sale, and told them that I would  
try to sell the mine to you, but not for any such figures  
as had been promised by Murphy; hence their offer to  
take \$3,000 each. They suspect me of working in your in-  
terest; hence I have to be very cautious, and when Murphy  
made this last splurge I wrote to them as if I was delighted  
with it. Now, then to come to the point; the mine  
is not bonded, and if I could lay my hands on \$5,000 I  
think I could buy out Fitzgerald and McAllister, unless  
Murphy should make a scratch and tender them the amount  
specified in the old bond. But until I know how much to  
offer them and how to offer it, I think it best for me to say  
nothing, for they are as skittish as wild mustangs. So far  
as my interest is concerned you can have a deed of it any

time, and do with it as you please without any  
consideration whatever.

Yours friend,  
A. Casawayou.

If you want copper I can get you slathers  
of it. A friend of mine has just arrived here  
from a new place in Humboldt County where it  
is as abundant as limestone is in White Pine.



OFFICE OF  
DAILY REESE RIVER REVEILLE,  
Casamayou & Dennis  
PROPRIETORS



Austin, Nev. July 31 1872

George Hearst, Esq  
Salt Lake City

Friend George:- I see your name mentioned among the arrivals at the Townsend House, from which I infer that you have been on a flying tour somewhere. Judge McKenney has just returned from the Copper mines and brings very good accounts from there. Germain is at the mines waiting for you. He left word at Unionville at Wells & Fargo's express to give you directions how to get there. When do you think you will be able to visit the mines, the sooner the better, of course, but if you think that it will be some time before you can go there, let me know immediately so I may inform him. He is very anxious to see you, for he thinks he has a good thing and his family is here. Please write.

Yours truly

A Casamayou





Austin, Nev. Sept. 17 1872

Friend George:

I send you to-day by express a package containing four samples of copper ore brought here by Mr. Sermain from the claims in Humboldt County. They are four different claims; the one labeled No. 2 is an enormous body of ore of which particular kind of ore is in great demand on account of the facility with which it is smelted. Mr. Sermain thinks he can furnish from that claim alone to you next week.

Next week he goes to Unionville, taking his family with him. He is a man of business and in fact is compelled to "hump" himself to make a living. The greatest drawback in the working of the mines is a low range of mountains which intervenes between the mines and the railroad; a trail must be cut before any

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Austin, Nev. Oct 27 1872

Friend George:  
I send you to-day by express a  
package containing four samples of copper  
one from the El Dorado mine, another  
from the El Dorado mine, they are from  
two different mines; the one from  
No. 2 is an enormous body of copper  
which particular kind of ore is very  
much an object of the facility with  
it is located. All the same, the  
package you that also is about 20  
pounds in weight.

What will be your? The mine, both  
in the vicinity of the mine. It is a mine  
of copper and in fact is comparable to  
the best of the world's a living. The  
product of the mine is the result of the  
mine is a low range of mountains which  
intervenes between the mine and the rail  
road; a track must be cut below the



one can be shipped. It also requires  
some money to start the camp, build-  
ings, blacksmith shop, tools, etc. All  
this was offered him by Mr. J. C. Fall,  
but he declined entering into any ne-  
gotiations with him or others until he  
heard from you. Now I don't want  
to bore you, for I suppose you have  
lots of business, better and more import-  
ant than copper mines, but it is absolute-  
ly necessary that you should pay a little  
attention to this matter, either in person or  
by proxy. If you cannot within the  
next two or three weeks look into this  
matter so as to make up your mind as  
to whether you want these mines or not,  
you must at least say so, so that Mr.  
F. may be free to act with other par-  
ties who stand ready to go in with  
him. The amount which you advanced  
will be refunded to you if you cannot  
let me know how it is.  
Yours truly A. Cass



one can be shipped. It also requires  
some money to start the company build-  
ings, blacksmith shop, tools, etc. All  
this was offered him by me, J. B. Smith,  
but he declined entering into any re-  
lationship with him or others with the  
head from you. Also I don't want  
to be seen as, you & support you have  
to do of course, I think you should get  
out there as soon as you can, but I don't  
know if you should pay a little  
attention to the matter in general or  
by going. If you can do nothing the  
best two or three months here in the  
matter do not look up, you are  
to meet you next time in the  
you want to look day or, I don't  
to. may be seen to be with other  
time who stand ready to join with  
him. The amount which you would  
be required to pay in the  
let me know how it is.  
Your truly J. B. Smith

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.



OFFICE OF  
DAILY REESE RIVER REVEILLE,  
Casamayou & Dennis  
PROPRIETORS



Austin, Nev.

Sept 21 1872

Friend George

Received your letter and telegram this morning. I was in the act of having two deeds made out - one for one-third of seven locations in the copper mines in Bolivar District, Humboldt County, transferring the said third to you by Germain and myself, and the other conveying one more third owned by me to you, so that you would have been the owner of two-thirds, Mr. Germain owning the other third.

If this thing has not been done before it is because you wrote to me that you would come here soon, and we expected to deed the whole property to you to dispose of for the mutual interests of the three. You were silent so long that Mr. Germain, who depends upon this either for a little raise or for employment in developing the mines, had come to the conclusion that you cared very little for copper. ~~Entertaining~~ Entertaining his belief he was anxious to step out himself or get Mr. Fall to take your place. But the idea of cheating you out of anything never entered his head for the best mine in the lot, the Carbonate, is



located in my name alone. I have in my possession  
the notices of location endorsed by the County Recorder of  
Humboldt County, and therefore Mr. Germain could not  
cheat us if he would. He has, so far, kept his word with  
me, and <sup>now</sup> offered to-day to deed the whole property to you,  
leaving <sup>it</sup> to your honor to do what is right. That does  
not look like trickery. I have concluded not to have  
any deeds made out until this man that you now send  
has got through. If he bonds ~~the~~ buys the mines, one-  
third is yours, and papers will be given you to that ef-  
fect, that is if he bonds; if he buys your third will  
be deposited in Paston & Curtis bank to your order.

P.S. Your second telegram is just now handed me.  
Mr. Germain starts by to-night's stage for Unionville  
to meet your man; he knows the district and I do not.  
The mines are undeveloped of course, but some of  
them show very well, the carbonate mine especially.  
He hardly knows what price to put on them; he will watch  
and see how well pleased he is. Don't be alarmed about  
any shenanigan on G's part; nothing will or could be done  
by him alone. Yours,

A. Casanvay



3:8

MINES - NEVADA

JOHN F. CASSELL  
AUSTIN

1864-1867

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Austin  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

George Hearst

Dear friend

Enclosed you will please find three deeds to the ground purchased by me for your consideration of \$5320 for which I drew upon you when last here. Casamayo and two of my men were out locating Woodranches & when I left Camp we have already located Mill sites for each Company have also made the square locations mentioned by you which now cover nearly the entire Hill. The location has been traced the entire length of our claim into both extensions showing the same ore in its entire length. I am now working four men upon the St Louis I wish you could see it it is the richest mine it has ever



been my lot to look upon and so immense in size. I have secured the remaining 150 ft of Giant held by Schmadel which now gives us the entire Giant title with the exception of the 50 ft held by George Meier of your city if that was corralled the St Louis would stand as it is the first mine in the world and clear of all possibility of lawsuits I now hold in my own name 1275 ft of the Nevada Giant title which has cost me 285 ft of St Louis ground. The Arctic is now being worked but enough has not yet been done to tell anything about it. It is undoubtedly a large and rich ledge. The Idaho of which I wrote you in my last letter I have arranged and whatever I can save in the compromise you shall share it is a very large and rich ledge cropping out boldly for 4 or 500 feet. There are several

other claims here of undoubted richness and most extensively so that I wish you could see you can get them entire for a trifle - one the Taylor & Passmore on the Giant 400 ft I own Eighty ft the balance can be had very cheap it is very rich showing metal in the entire width of the ledge and of the same character as the ore of the St Louis. George if possible come if I was put on bath this day and was asked which I considered the most valuable ledge the Comstock or Giant I could not help but name the latter. In the first place there are no such things as peter out and there certainly is more big pay rock in sight than ever before seen on this coast.

Hoping this may be satisfactory  
- factory labor yours truly  
P.S. the St Louis is ready for shipment on arrival of pack - Show this to King  
Cassell



No 1 St Louis  
No 2 Idaho  
No 3 Arctic

Golden Gate  
Cord Empire  
Columbian



25000  
4  
6  
14  
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Austria

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Geo Hearst

My friend

I telegraphed you some few days since but however received no answer well it did not amount to much so let it be - Now what I want I am going to give you in few words on returning here from San Francisco. I paid out to meet labor demands on the outside Companies \$28000 which took the last dollar - had in the world all together they are now owing upwards of six thousand dollars. I must have inside of twenty days three thousand dollars or I go through now George save me if you can. St Louis and other claims can be had at any price Independence is not



worth anything the ledger you  
entirely. I have not time to  
write more. I will be here again  
next Monday answer me on  
that day by telegram what you  
can do. I shall be here and  
expect to hear from you  
Yours truly

Nov 3<sup>1/2</sup>

John P. Cassel



the Corty Co Moore seems to talk that way. I am much pleased with Moore he seems to be a sound business man I am glad that you have secured Curt's interest think you can get more pretty cheap at this sale. I think it the cheapest way to buy a mill I seams & C. I think the chances are that you will be a member of the Corty Co Cheney writes me that he will vote for you. Moore tells me he will so. things are coming right after all. it did not take two minutes and a half for I and Moore to understand each other. I wrote you some few days since that I required \$300 to see me through. I do require that sum in fact must have it or I am gone in. I have brought this upon myself by working hard outside claims they are now owing me several thousand dollars which if I had would set me perfectly easy you must raise this for me I would hope to have a favorable dispatch from you

Remember me to your wife  
I am ever your truly

John H. Cassel

August 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Geo Hart  
Dr friend

Yours of Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> was handed to me by Mr Moore on his arrival here last evening. I arrived here from Corty just in time to meet him. I rode from Camp to this place yesterday in 10 1/2 hours without getting out of the saddle. The Company allowed \$300 of my paper to be protected which has worried me considerably and has about ruined the credit of the Co in this town. I am pleased to hear that matters with you are becoming easy. Ever since my return from S. D. I have been paying off debts of the Corty Co and the outside claims. I have paid out my last dollar and moved and paid out on those outside claims which now are greatly in debt to me. The Idaho State



St Louis are now being worked upon  
the St Louis right and day I am drip-  
ping into it from the level of the Cut made  
while you were here will have probably  
one hundred feet to show before  
striking the ledge now in 25 ft  
I have pursued this course of work-  
ing from the fact that it will take one  
month longer to strike and with  
mean time under the assessment  
and the pressure of the times it will  
depreciate so that if you wish you  
can get it at a small price it can  
now be had at ten dollars and think  
less. The Arctico is improving very fast  
at the bottom of the Incline 5 ft wide  
pitching at an angle of 45 degrees  
and the rock becoming much richer  
winning more into black sulphurets  
The Idaho not sufficient work has  
been done upon to determine anything  
from it so far looks fully as well as  
when you saw it. The North Cape as I  
have heretofore written to Quacaquil  
I think it nothing more than a boulder  
from the St Louis Mine. The location

you mention as wishing to be made  
on that ledge near the mill is for I  
told you at the time part of the Berlin  
location an extension of 600 feet was  
taken by Mulholland Townsend &  
my brother if you wish it you can have  
600 feet for 600 - I am anxious to have  
those deeds of trust fixed up as the own-  
ers will become scattered and we will  
not be able to get their signatures. The deeds  
of trust forwarded by you were defective  
not describing Woodranches and  
Mill sites besides parties here won't sign  
until S. D. owners do, this delay is evic-  
dal of our best interests. I am pleased  
to hear that you rent the Rock to the  
Central Mill we are associated with  
a damn hard crowd none of them will  
come out until forced to which only can  
be done by getting the Company in to legal  
shape. However the proceeds of the Rock will  
more than make you whole. I shall as you  
advise pay the Costy Co as little as possible  
for working rock from our claims in case  
they want to do so. Do you favor consolida-  
ting the St Louis Idaho or Arctico with



who are able and should have responded but who although they encouraged me to continue on the work would have stood by and saw me sink before they would have come up with their just proportion the poorest men in the Camp have the \$3 assessment in full and had I not have been sustained by my comrades here I would have lost everything with their assistance and what you were kind enough to give me I have been able although not to completely satisfy but to be in a measure easy. I am sorry that circumstances have so completely tied you up for with the amount of money which under other circumstances you could have furnished me and my energy and ability I am satisfied we could have made a million, as it shows me the next best way and I am with you write or come and see me soon I am ever yours sincerely

John F. Cassel

Austin  
September 26<sup>th</sup>

J. Hunt

Dr. Friend

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup>

hand and contents most carefully perused I am somewhat surprised at the result of the working of that Rock it certainly sets all pale to all assays made here as well that small working at S. J. as from what the boys tell me there was but little difference in the quality of the two.

I carefully perused your remarks respecting a consolidation and in reply say that if you say consolidate will do so but otherwise after what has passed I would hang like an evil demon over the Cortez District until the last day in the morning before I would give them the benefit of one foot of those outside claims. Sales



note your remarks about  
Moore and think your head  
is clear. I would much like  
to see you and talk the matter  
over before further committing  
myself to him. Suppose a consoli-  
dation be sought with the  
Arctic and St Louis what an  
amount of Cortez stock ought you  
to receive say for 100 ft St Louis  
100 ft Arctic. I am satisfied  
George if we could get control  
of Cortez and not consolidate  
we could clear a million as  
it would be when Consolidated  
our expectations at best would  
be small but no matter. if you  
say consolidate it goes I shall be  
governed by you entirely in the  
matter if you intend coming  
over I wish you would come  
before Moore or at the same <sup>time</sup>  
so I would much like to talk  
with you before further commit-  
ting myself if the stake I want  
is not sufficiently large

to make it an object I must quit  
this country the ordeal I have under-  
gone in the last six days is more  
than human flesh can endure  
and if such labor is to be ill repaid  
it is not worth the wear and tear  
Business has made it necessary  
to ride to Austin every week since  
I left S. D. and sometimes twice dur-  
ing that time this in connection  
with business anxiety is more than  
I can bear. On my return to Camp  
I shall figure up the different in-  
crests you own and on my next  
return will send you a memorandum  
and all I have to say George is that  
if not satisfactory I will make it  
so to you. you have been a true friend and  
was never ungrateful. Any loss you may have  
made on Rock let me know and I  
will put it in my bill of expense against  
the respective Co's. I have spent a  
large sum on these outside  
claims and as sure as their  
is a just God the money has  
got to come they are those George



San Francisco

July 10th 1846

Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Hearst }  
Sacramento }

Dr friend

On Mr Millan's  
departure from here on Friday last he  
assured us that on his arrival at Virginia  
he would immediately call upon Mr  
Clark and that I should certainly  
receive a dispatch from him on Monday  
last, three days has elapsed since that time  
and I have as yet heard nothing from there  
and must naturally suppose that in it as  
in everything else that I ever attempted  
in this country I am doomed to disap-  
pointment which I much regret as it is a  
business that would have suited me and  
in which I am satisfied I could have  
given perfect satisfaction and would at  
the same time have enabled me to gain



attain a position among men, a start  
in the world. the only interpretation that  
I can place upon Mr Clark's silence is  
that so long a time elapsed before hearing  
anything more in regard to my being sent  
over that he employed some one else

Have as yet heard nothing of those mi-  
ning abstracts or the party of whom you  
spoke as being en route here to go to N.Y.  
by this morning's steamer.

Now George you know that I am  
willing to work and would rather ac-  
cept most any employment than "in  
my present condition" leave this coast  
but everything looks gloomy. I know not which  
way to turn. not one ray of light presents it-  
self to me.

On the receipt of this, George telegraph  
Lake Clark, and have him answer in re-  
gard to this affair of mine at once, either,  
yes, or no, if favorable place means at my  
disposal here to immediately go over there  
if his reply is unfavorable I want to leave

this country on the Opposition Steamer that  
leaves Monday morning next, if you can  
only give me sufficient to pay my passage  
Now on reading this don't lay it aside and  
take no further thought of it, but act at once  
settle this matter with Lake, if it is a failure  
send me an order for such money as you  
can allow me, so that I can take advan-  
tage of the Opposition rates of passage  
by which I can save at least \$50-

I shall expect to hear from you by the  
Express that leaves Sacramento on Friday

any one truly  
A. H. Capell



Quarters Valley  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1867

Friend George

Ned Robinson to whom I in-  
troduced you one day while in your  
city during the holidays has told me  
of an operation that I think there is  
considerable money to be <sup>made</sup> out of from  
a small investment. L. S. Robinson  
"his brother" Sam Buttenworth and others  
have a large Hydraulic bank claim  
at a place known as North Bloomfield  
I believe in Yuba Co. which although  
not yet fully open is proving very profita-  
ble to them. in the same vicinity and on the  
same range is a piece of ground which  
R. thinks fully as good. known as Columbia  
Hill. an arrangement can be made with  
the owners for this ground they being wil-  
ling to give parties that will open it  
the largest portion of the ground. Ned  
Robinson has fully examined it and



says that \$1000-dollars at the outside  
will put the claim in running order  
he told me of this claim some months  
since, when I had not a dollar and am  
but little better off now. I then got him to  
promise me that when he saw proper  
to do anything with this claim that he  
would give me an opportunity to go in  
which he promised to do. he now writes me  
that he is ready and wants to make some  
arrangement regarding this claim  
and says he is ready to furnish half the  
amount requisite to open and wants  
me to join and furnish the other half  
which I am unable to do. Now George  
from what I know of the man and  
what he tells me I believe the opera-  
tion to be a good one and requires but  
a small venture with a prospect of  
a large return. if you are able and wish  
to go into it, you can see Ned at Pioche  
& Raynes and he will give you full  
particulars and you and him can  
go together and see it and if it comes

up to your ideas and you determine  
to go into it. I want you to give me some  
kind of a lay in with you. I have prom-  
ised Ned that I would not mention  
this to anyone who if they did not see  
fit to go into it themselves, would speak  
of it to any one else. therefore repeat nothing  
to anyone else regarding it. The mine  
here is better than ever and I believe  
is destined to become one of the best  
paying mines in the State. I am now  
merely prospecting, having no work on  
hand. I run the Mill as the result of some-  
thing less than a months prospecting I have  
in sight 600 tons Quartz worth at least  
\$50 per ton. it is improving in richness every  
foot we make in length and depth  
ledge averages 24 inches. some places 10 in-  
ches other places 3 feet in width this is the  
small lead. I think the Blue Lead is going  
to pay equally as well. I think Katis up  
here would be very satisfactory to you I will  
show you one of the prettiest mines on  
the coast. I am gradually planting my boots, my  
interests, my success. Yours John D. Carrell



Alamitos June 28<sup>th</sup> 67

Friend George

On my arrival here I find that parties that hold my notes for the ground I purchased sometime since and of which I informed you, expected me to bring up coin with me to satisfy them which of course you know I did not do, and as I do not want to loose either the claim or what I have paid thereon I am forced to draw upon you as you gave me permission to i.e. for \$500 which I have drawn at one days sight, and which I hope you will be prepared to pay. This amt does not pay in full the demand against me but will enable me to get a satisfactory extension on the balance. George leave nothing unturned to secure the claims for me, it is at best but a poor return for that venture and in order to secure it I will need careful attention. Yours sincerely  
Wm



S. F. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1847

George Hunt

Dear friend

I was un-  
-able to call upon you at 10-  
o'clock as agreed but called  
twice afterwards but was un-  
-able to see you. I shall not see  
Van Brunt as I do not think  
I can accomplish anything  
by so doing and leave the  
matter entirely in your hands  
feeling that you will do all in  
your power to secure some-  
thing for me. I wish you  
would see Van at your con-  
-venient convenience and write  
me and let me know what  
are the prospects and oblige  
your friend

John D. Cassey

Horrocks

Muirpore C  
Cal<sup>a</sup>



[In complete]

Has yet have a poor opin-  
 -ion of Berlin I will watch him  
 carefully and when the proper  
 time arrives will protect you  
 both extensions are taken I have  
 protected you as far as was in  
 my power both extensions were  
 located while I was in S. Y.  
 one of six hundred out of which  
 down 400 you may have all <sup>25</sup>  
 or half just as you please in a  
 claim struck by Casamayo's  
 brother got your claim of 200 ft  
 it is near the Berlin and would  
 not be surprised if it was not  
 the same ledge rock rich  
 In whatever way you may want  
 things arranged here I am with  
 you both and will mail anything  
 that you may take a stand agan-  
 -inst I will see the District be-  
 -fore it shall be accomplished  
 my heart is not with any of them  
 I have met with some rich lands  
 Shenandoah and elsewhere



at the hands of the City Co that  
I am almost sick of the  
whole crowd my opinion  
of them is that if I was dis-  
posed to quit my property  
I could buy the crowd body  
and soul there is of course  
one or two exceptions this of  
course is between us but I  
have sufficient cause to  
speak as I do. Come over  
George if possible I want to  
have a long talk with you if this  
consolidation is to be effected  
I will stay here so long as is con-  
sistent with your interests and  
then I want to leave the place I  
am not sick of work if I could see  
prospect of pay I would cheerfully  
more than I have heretofore done  
but to toil as I do with no prospect  
ahead I had rather be a punch  
hand - I am yours truly

John P. Bassell



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about the matter but I  
feared you might not be  
in the City and while it  
was so low I wanted to  
get some of it. I will be  
satisfied with judgement  
in the matter. I gave Mr  
Peck directions you can  
do as you think best.

With kindest regards to  
Mrs Hunt

Yours truly  
L. Briggs D.D.M.

Dumblen Aug 25. 1864  
George Hunt Esq  
My Dear Sir

I wrote you a few  
hasty lines a day or two ago  
informing you that I had lent  
some funds to a friend of  
mine in San Francisco and that  
I had requested him to put  
the funds in your hands to  
invest for me I saw that  
Sheba & Desoto had got  
down so low that it  
might be a good time to  
invest a little and if the  
Sheba ever comes up it  
will soon as they have  
commenced crushing I like  
the Desoto better as a mine  
than the Sheba, I should  
have written to you first



Douglas Nevada July 11. 1868  
George Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

I was informed  
a few days ago by Tom Ewing that  
you would pass through here that  
night - and I got up when the  
stage went through and was  
disappointed in not finding you.  
I saw Mr Lent who informed  
me that he did not expect you  
would be up this way soon.  
I was anxious to see you and  
try and prevail on you to stop  
here a day or two as I am  
interested in a Copper Mine  
that I think will prove a  
valuable property. but before  
I go to much expense I  
would like some one that I  
had confidence in to examine



I know at present that copper is quite low but its close proximity to the rail road (6 miles) and indications of immense quantities I think make it desirable. I wish you would put me how I can get best informed about copper, as to what class of Ore will pay to ship &c. I wish if you are going to pass up this way soon you would let me know a day or two before hand and I will be on the lookout for you. let me know about parties that I can get information about copper. Mr Lent informed me that Mrs Heart had gone East also that Amiel James had taken Nat East to put in a naval school. he did not know whether Mrs James went or

not. We have about three Mines in this County now that is paying well with a fine prospect for some others. I have not had any late news from Miss M.

Yours truly  
J. A. D. M.



By Wells Fargo & Co

Direct - Mill City Nevada, Nov 22<sup>d</sup> 1868

Genl Hearst Esq  
My Dear Sir

On my return home I found a report of our ore from Knapp & Grant which they considered so unfavorable, that they had ordered ~~an~~ another assay to be made. which we have not got yet. I will give you an order to them so that you can get all the required information.

On pulling out my papers at home I found the enclosed receipt. and how I got possession of it I cannot tell. but presume when I gave you the direction of Knapp & Grant I must have got hold of it some way.

Mr Hager proprietor of the Stage line between here & Merrill told me that he found a Mexican blanket that he thinks you or Sanborn lost about a year ago which if yours you can have. let me hear the result of your visit to Knapp & Grant.

Yours friend  
J. A. Dorr

Mill City Nev. Nov 22<sup>d</sup> 1868

Allow me to introduce to you Mr Genl Hearst of San Francisco. You will much oblige me by giving Mr Hearst such information as you have about the Ore of Thompson & Dorr. please show him specimens. and give him amt of Assays.

Yours respectfully  
J. A. Dorr



per Mills Fargo & Co Ex

1868

Dredge Mill City Nev Nov 30.

Friend Hearst

Since I wrote  
you we have received the  
result of our Ore, which  
averaged 15 per cent it did  
not pay as well as we  
expected. they say it was  
very badly selected. we  
are going to have another  
lot taken out. I am well  
satisfied that we have  
got a big mine. I wish  
you would let me know  
if you called on Knapp & Hunt  
and saw samples of our Ore.  
also when you think you  
will be out this way as I  
am anxious to know. let me  
know if you got letter with receipt  
in it. Your friend J. A. Dur



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MINES - NEVADA

JAMES GRAHAM FAIR

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Virginia Sept<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> /72.

Friend Hearst, I Recd. your & Oaly Telegram  
on yesterday & at once telegraphed to you  
so soon as I first had telegraphed to  
I had the substance of your communication  
, I had telegraphed to me not to get down  
as he would look into the matter and  
write to me very fully; that letter of his  
I will get in the morning & at once  
telegraph to you!

I hope you have got a  
good thing; nothing would please me  
better than to know that you & Oaly  
had struck another "construck"

I am up to my eyes in business  
as Macky is absent & I am alone with  
these mines and mills!

I hope you have wrote  
to me fully, as I then will have  
an idea of the mines location etc!

My English friend & his friends own  
the greatest share of the Emma & Flagstaff



and are hungry for more mines.  
with kind regards to you  
& Dag. I am truly yours -  
James G. Fair



To believe him, he says if that claim could be got  
to work on shares or to divide the one or some  
such way, a splendid thing could be made out of it.  
Rowe has 3000 £ and is very anxious to get some one  
to push forward and get the lease and he takes part  
of the Enterprise. I mention this last to show you the  
confidence Rowe has in what he asserts. Now you know  
all about this. Could we not put our heads together  
and make some money out of it. Mr Livingston. I think  
is the business man of the company.

Bullion seems to be the query here. Everybody is quite  
anxious to get a look at it or some one that has  
seen it. but also no one has had the pleasure  
of taste. The Court was hammering away all  
day on a bond that was offered by the Patona and  
then to remove the ore, I don't know the result  
- it, if any. The Court has done very little business  
as yet in fact I don't think they will do much  
for the next few days. The struts are drying up  
very fast. The Roads will be quite good again  
in a few days.

Now good night. I will give  
you no more nonsense. With much Respect  
your friend

James Bair



Virginia Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
 Mr George Hanson }  
 St Francisco } My Dear Sir, as  
 I have an Idue hour I will drop you  
 a few lines if at I fear It will be  
 a very production to you - as Mr Bent  
 Is here and by this time will posted on  
 your matters - and has in all probability  
 it written to you in full - all the  
 folk in town this morning has been the  
 Hale & Worcester - Boyazett young failing  
 to agree - they were discharged at 12 o'clock  
 last night - they stood 8 for Boyazett  
 & 4 for H & W. I can tell you the  
 H & W. Boys were frightened - speaking  
 of Law, the Ophir & Moscow are what  
 bring their feet for their fight - both  
 parties are confident, but I do not  
 think there is a living shew of a word  
 - ick for either party - the Moscow are the  
 best managers - I see your fellow La-  
 -chet Is crawling up to the old point - in  
 price It looks very fine and Is a valuable  
 mine - I fear you will have much trouble  
 with the Union if they get a new trial.  
 I understand they have a majority of  
 their stock locked up in order to  
 prevent you from buying it up -  
 I also see the parties which own



own in the Michigan. I have a meeting  
of their Company on Tuesday next  
and intend to give you trouble. The  
following are the Parties which I  
now have for the purpose of attending the  
Meeting" Capt. Nye, Virginia  
John & James Spruence Sr. from  
John Carroll & Dr. Habet " "  
also Patten of Rhode Island mill gold  
Robinson their old Superintendent. I un-  
derstand has absconded" from what I  
can learn the Hoisting works and  
Shaft and Drift would be worth to  
your Company all they ask for them. yet  
I do not know. It looks like a  
hard faced swindle for them to pretend  
to claim the J. J. ledge.  
The Uncle Sam looks well. They are  
getting out very fine Mineral and in  
good quantity. I am of the impress-  
ion It will be a valuable mine. No  
one gets into the mine. but I see it  
and in a while and hear" reliably every  
day. They are stowing away the ore in  
the old drifts or workings above. I go  
down in the claim on tomorrow. and will  
drop you a line. The 6th Station Drift-  
84 feet deeper than the present one will be  
in soon. If It proves as good as I think  
It will the mine will go up to a good  
round price. I also hear It whispered

about that the Gov. have got  
a majority of the stock of the over-  
man. if so the same title may be con-  
sidered at rest.

I begin to think the water will get  
out of the water in a few days. The  
lead is not near as strong as it  
was. and they have it down to within  
140 ft of the bottom of the shaft. They  
still are at work on the New Engine  
erecting it on the Mexican shaft. It  
is a piece of horrid folly. Davis their  
old President is here also Haggan  
Blonding is expected. The S. & C. is  
about as you expect it. The steam are  
rolling along as usual and cause very little  
remarks. The Savage is looking very  
well. Much better than it did sit weeks  
ago. Paton and Collier is about the  
same. It is a pity they dont settle  
their suits. There is some grist-talk  
about a settlement of all Law between  
them. Bullin has not got their  
Lower drift in yet. I think they will  
get it good when they do. Judging  
from what Little one they get in the  
level above. I have a little affair  
in hand which bids fair to turn out  
well. I will let you know at the  
proper time. I have no more time. The  
Pony will be off. Yours. J. H. Fair



3:11

MINES - NEVADA

JEREMIAH MILLER

1869, n.d.

HAMILTON, NEV.

72/204  
C



JEREMIAH MILLER.

OFFICE OF

WHITE PINE MILL AND MINING COMPANY,

Hamilton, Nev. June 16 1869.

George Hunt

Dear Friend

Since my arrival here this time every thing has leveled up splendidly and Eastern purchasers are coming in every day I am looking for Harker here every day and I think that if you were here we might with Seignoble with them or Comber. Come up if you can without too much trouble. If you cannot do so I will get the best arrangement I can and submit it for your approval. There is oceans of ore coming out all the mills are running and twice as many could run if they were here. The towns are bulging up astonishingly population coming in from all directions.



You would be surprised to see  
Hamilton or Treasure City  
we have the following mules

Gunning reg.		
Newark	20	Stamps
Chonice Flat	24	"
Treasure (Balas)	20	"
mine	10	"
McLone	10	
Felton Shaw	5	
Eberhardt (2 mules)	18	
Small Roley	8	
other small mule	5	
Total	113	

These 113 are much  
more crowded than the 23 of  
last Spring were we have one  
other with 15 Stamps which will  
be started in a few days  
I would like to look over  
Volajo and Independence ground  
with you if you were here  
If you do not come up

Soon wrote me  
Page is still working on  
the Glacier gets some very  
rich ore in small quantities  
but none in producing quantity  
hope to strike something big  
Soon I have stopped work  
for the present  
Regards to Genl Polinger  
others

Very Truly  
Yours

Jeremiah Miller



San Francisco

Decr 29<sup>th</sup> 1869

George August Egan

Dear Sir

I have not been able to meet you sufficiently disengaged to have a talk with you about our matter generally and as I design going over the mountains again next week I make you the following statement in writing showing the amt of money recd & expensed by me my books containing details & items are in my boxes with my bedding &c & I cannot get at them conveniently now but the within statement is strictly correct we of course are entitled to a Cr with the Independence Co for the 1537.00 work on Independence building on &c & the \$276.00 for work done on Valajo making \$1813.<sup>00</sup> in case the Company should go



on they received the Silver  
Buck worth \$1175<sup>00</sup> you will  
see that there is a small amt  
of \$87.57 due me

Independent of this Independence  
Business you will remember that  
I advanced (\$350<sup>00</sup>) Three Hundred  
Dollars for you toward your  
payment on the first note  
due the Bank for the Glace  
mine, I gave my memorandum  
check for the amt - with the  
understanding that you would left  
it in a few days which was  
never done - I suppose that it  
slipped your memory. Now owing  
to the failure of the Bank & other  
causes I find myself extremely  
straitened for money to carry my  
enterprises through & save myself from  
heavy sacrifices & even terrible losses  
& I will now depend upon you to  
pay me the \$350 - advanced to you  
please do so at once as I am  
greatly in need Yours Truly Jeremiah Miller

San Francisco  
Dec 29th 1869

Geo Hunt Esq I would be  
very glad to have a meeting  
with yourself Bolinger & Joseph  
McDonald in order that  
we might have some definite  
understanding in regard to  
the future management of the  
Independence property we should  
have our stocks & know how  
every thing stands will you  
take the trouble to arrange  
a time & place where & when  
we can attend to this  
business if we do not attend  
to it now & have the property  
looked after we will have  
trouble with jumpers & may  
have some expensive law  
suits to fight if any parties  
with money buy Squatters out  
lets give it a little  
attention promptly  
Yours  
Jeremiah Miller



Balvanta

San Jose } 3 locations on same ledge 2,400 ft  
(one other)

Eaton Location

1,000

These mines all show very rich  
ore, are in granite half a mile  
from the mill. At the point  
where the most work is done there  
is a break in the vein & the  
work has not been done since  
actually to find the vein in place  
which I think can be done  
the vein is 3 feet thick & works  
from 40 to 400 dollars per ton

The Platona mine is 6 miles from  
the mill in State the body of  
ore at 40 feet from the  
surface is 20 feet thick &  
worked in the mill over 60  
dollars without any assorting  
there is considerable ore in the  
mine that will work 150 dollars  
per ton on the same vein  
a few hundred feet distant  
there was several hundred tons  
of ore got which worked 300  
dollars per ton this vein or  
ore channel shows itself on



The Surface a long distance,  
say 2 miles with good ore all  
the way

The Black Tertiary 1000ft - is  
parallel with the above & is  
very similar in character  
& may prove to be the same  
min or part of it.

The Genl. Thomas Mine  
Shows good ore in considerable  
quantities in an incline shaft  
from the surface to the depth  
of 80 feet - there is 1000 feet  
in this location

There is 2 or 3 other locations  
the above however are the  
reliable mines.

The Mill when completed  
will have a capacity of  
15 tons per day with the  
most approved machinery includ-  
ing a White Furnace &c  
Yours  
Jeremiah Miller

To George Hunt Esq  
Sudbury  
July 1/72



**OFFICERS.**

—◆—  
**President,**

**Secretary,**

**Treasurer.**

**Directors.**

**Office of the Company,**

**PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY.**

—◆—

The Alabama Mine.....	1,000 feet.
“ Modoc “ .....	1,500 “
“ Clipper “ .....	1,500 “
Total.....	4,000 feet.

One 10 Stamp Quartz Mill,  
“ Stable, Sheds and Corral,  
“ Boarding House,  
“ Dwelling House,  
Blacksmith Shops, etc.

**PROSPECTUS.**

—◆—  
The property of this Company is situated in the Montezuma Mining District, Nye County, State of Nevada, and about 30 miles east of Belville, at which point a new 20 Stamp Mill is just now starting on ores from the Northern Belle Mine.

**THE ALABAMA MINE**

is open 175 feet deep, by an incline shaft. The first-class ore from this Mine was packed thirty miles, and worked at the Lida Valley Mill, in lots of three tons. The pulp assay from mill battery showed \$650 per ton.

Before the Montezuma Mill was secured for these Mines, the Superintendent, Mr. J. R. McNeas, who is County Surveyor, and a first-class Mining and Mill man, in a letter to the parties interested in San Francisco, says :



"If this Mill cannot be bought, I am in favor of building a Mill. I have a good ledge in the bottom of the shaft, 140 feet deep, from 18 to 20 inches wide, carrying some very rich ore; and as to the amount of low grade ore on the dump and in sight, by having a Mill by the Mine, I could work thousands of tons profitably, as these ores can be worked to a very high per cent. without roasting. I think that by going say 100 feet deeper, and then opening up the Mine with drifts, I could take out ore enough by the time the Mill was ready to run, to nearly pay for it; and I am satisfied, from my Mill and Mining experience, that we will have one of the best paying properties in Eastern Nevada.

### THE MODOC MINE.

"The Modoc Mine is a much larger ledge; in fact, it fills the whole bottom of the shaft. The ore is of a lower grade, though there is every probability of getting on a rich body of ore soon, as there are small seams or stratas of very rich ore in places. The shaft is about 60 feet deep. The other two Mines have not been worked on much, though they look promising. The titles to the Alabama and Modoc are *perfect*. I will survey them very soon, and apply for a patent.

### THE CLIPPER MINE.

"The Clipper will require some little attention, which I will give it. I am exceedingly anxious to push work on these Mines, but you know that but little can be done in this County without money.

"Truly yours,  
"J. R. McNEES."

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Extracts from a letter dated Montezuma, February 27th, 1875:

"I let a contract, a short time ago, to sink on the Alabama Mine. The contractors have made about thirty-five feet, and are, say one hundred and seventy-five feet from the surface; have a fine ledge in the bottom, of ore that will mill about \$100 per ton. I am very anxious to be able to work these mines as they deserve, and take out plenty of ore, which I know I can do. I am doing the best that I can here under the circumstances. Do hurry up, and get in shape to start the Mill, and give us a chance to take out money to work the Mines vigorously.

"J. R. McNEES."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3d, 1875.

We had conditionally purchased the Montezuma Mill and some of the Mines near it, about three years ago. We started up the Mill, and ran it about thirty days, to test the value of the ores in the district. We were so well pleased with the result, and with the exceedingly favorable situation of the Mill, it being in the midst of a forest of timber, affording the best quality of wood for the cutting, and vast quantities of salt ten miles off for the shoveling up and hauling, that we offered a very much larger sum in cash for the property than the rate that the Stock is now offered at, to raise the necessary working capital to start the Mill, etc.

We have taken a large amount of this Stock for ourselves and our personal friends, and would take it all if we were not so loaded down with other mining property, which is requiring money to develop and place it on a paying basis.

The ores of the Montezuma District are almost uniformly high grade, so far as they have been milled, and they can generally be milled without roasting, which greatly reduces the cost of milling.

GEORGE HEARST.  
JEREMIAH MILLER.

There has been placed in the treasury of the Company, a portion of the Stock to be sold to raise further working capital, as it may be needed. It is now proposed to sell a portion or all of this reserved Stock, at the exceedingly low price of one dollar per share, to raise working capital, and to avoid assessments for that purpose.



PROSPECTUS

OF THE

Montezuma Mill & Mining Company.

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INCORPORATED MARCH 1st, 1875.

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Capital Stock, - - \$5,000,000,

In 50,000 Shares,

Of \$100 each.



Montgomery District

Located 60 Miles south of  
Belmont 15 Miles north  
East of the Silver Peak Salt-  
marsh 40 Miles north of  
Palmetto District, the property  
of the Company consists of 16  
Mines - 14 in Limestone and  
2 in slate and is owned by  
Eight persons -

The Garage and High Bridge  
Mines have been worked for  
two Years - On the Garage is one  
shaft depth 150 feet, and at  
a depth 100 feet is a drift  
run north 28 feet in ore & at  
a depth of 150 feet is two drifts  
one 28 feet South and one 25 ft  
East, the one in the Shaft has  
an average width of 6 feet -  
In the drift running East

400  
210  
190

1000  
2000 - Palmetto  
1500 - containing  
all the ore on  
the dump



at the depth of 140 feet the  
the hanging wall has not  
been struck - The High  
Bridge is a front ledge  
100 feet off the Garage &  
the Shaft is 300 feet north  
of the Garage -

Shaft  
1000 ft 1000 ft  
High Bridge

Shaft  
1000 ft 1000 ft

The shaft on High Bridge  
is down to the depths of 62  
feet average width 4 to 4 1/2  
feet, the foot wall on both  
ledges is slate at an angle  
of 80 degrees the hanging  
wall is porphyry there is  
about 400 tons of ore on  
the dump - There has been  
16 tons ore worked in Austin  
which yielded from \$225  
to \$378 per ton -

There are shafts on the  
other ledges of the Company  
from 10 to 40 feet in depth  
There ledges are 4 miles  
West of Garage & High  
Bridge - The district  
is well supplied with  
wood and water -

Property of Company  
Blacksmith Shop & Tools

A good House  
8 good Horses  
1 Wagon, at present  
two of the Company are  
at the mines taking out  
ore -

Jas D. Montgomery



3:12

MINES - NEVADA

PIOCHE SILVER MINING CO  
ELY DISTRICT

1871-1872

PIOCHE CITY

72/204  
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OFFICE  
SILVER MINING CO.  
Pioche  
In District No.

Pioche City, Nov 18 1871

My old Friend  
Acceptable to premas  
I take this opportunity  
to drop you a few  
lines to let you <sup>know</sup> that  
I am in the ~~of~~ demand  
of the lining of take  
this place very well  
I think I will be able  
to make some money  
there I have a salary  
of \$300 per month I don't  
know how long it will  
last if you should



go to San Francisco  
between now & middle  
of December let me  
know I can put you  
on the track to make  
some money for your  
self & my self with  
with \$3000 We can make  
from \$1200 to \$15000  
with in ninety days  
if you think well of my  
proposition write at  
once you would have to  
stop in San Francisco  
it is a stock operation  
it is a certain thing  
yours respectfully  
W. H. Ketter



Raymond & Fly Mining Company.

Pioche City, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

Dear Hearst.

On the 10<sup>th</sup>. I drew on you  
from of John Atkinson for 1000 \$ as per your  
request. when here. but had no time to advise  
you of it.

Our steam is getting along nicely the shaft is  
now down 70 feet & I think we will not have to  
go far before we can get a big thing. I expect  
to hear from you soon about.

Henry Raymond is here & says the old man  
will go in with us. but I suppose its all settled  
by this time.

Atkinson left on the 10<sup>th</sup>. for Salt Lake. the  
I'm quite sure was a fizzle.

Write me & tell me how things are. R & C  
looking for better than when you were here

George Hearst (Exp.)  
San Francisco.

Yours truly  
C. W. Lightsey

Mr W. H. Clark has written to you asking you to attend to some little  
business for him. you will confer a personal favor on me by saying so. C. W.



OFFICE OF HAGGIN & TEVIS,

No. 411½ CALIFORNIA STREET.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Aug 1 1872

Geo Hearst Esq  
Madrid.

If you go to Pioche please make inquiries of intelligent persons, or if possible see for yourself, concerning the value and condition of the "National" mine in the Bristol District.

Julius Ordway is working it. I am Secretary of the Company and if you think the stock is good I can get some for you.

Parham is here, his future movements are uncertain.

Yours truly

P. P. Minor







The grocery business  
I have a good house on  
the lot I bought - that  
rents for one hundred &  
twenty five dollars I have  
turned my attention to  
mining a game. The mines  
that is working looks well  
generally there is a mine  
on the Bullionville Road  
Called the Alps I was there  
it works yesterday they  
are down 140 feet & has  
a three foot ledge of first  
class ~~or~~ I think it is a  
good mine. any information  
you want in regards to  
mines here I will be happy  
to give you I believe  
this Alps mine is a good  
thing & can be bought or  
banded comparatively.

Reasonable. If you  
want to prospect here any  
I will go in with you  
& do the work there is  
one or two prospect - think  
a bout one mile west of  
the City & Lower works that  
works well. The town  
is in a general bustle &  
the streets crowded  
with strangers I think  
times will be very lively  
in a short time  
you shall have the money  
in a short time you could  
be with good interest on the  
ground at seven or three  
dollars per foot just as  
you choose & if there is any  
thing you want me to  
do for you here I will do  
it - yours truly, N.B. Smell



Pioche Lincoln Co  
July 23d 1871  
George Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir

We wrote  
a letter to Mr Spacour asking him  
to see you in regard to the ore  
that remains undivided on the  
Bowery dump, and Spacour informed  
us that you were in Salt Lake City,  
and that it would be better for  
us to write to you direct.

We would like ~~to~~ very much  
to know what disposition you  
intend to make of it, whether you  
will comply with our desire to  
have it divided, if so, please come  
and superintend the division, or appoint  
some other person to do it for you  
and oblige

Yours Ac:

Bowery Mining Co.

J. W. Spur

Supt. Bowery



Roche February 28<sup>th</sup> 1875

Friend John

I have waited patiently for answer to either of my letters to you but so far have received none. It is now the last day of February & since I left San Francisco am not yet officially informed of the final disposition of that water contract.

The last I heard from the Secretary was by telegram dated February the 18<sup>th</sup> in which he says - water contract cancelled, Don't pay any money for repairing American flag pipe until further orders.

To day our native Lubbock has served notice on me that the contract is still in force & that he on behalf of his Company (after making one hundred dollars deduction for our labor shoveling snow for the month of January) wants me to pay him \$389.50 for water for that month or three hundred for water & eighty nine dollars & fifty cents for repairs & opening the American flag pipe which pipe he failed to open, But the Secretary tells me in his telegram not to pay this and



As you can see what a fix I am in between  
them, our industrious & hard worked secretary  
has not time for the last two months over to  
write me what has been done in the matter  
& the only information I have is what Subbock  
tells me or what Cleary may say in three or four  
words of Telegram, as I have exhausted this subject  
in previous letters I will close it here by enclosing  
you the Notice & Bill of Captain Subbock for  
February which shows for itself also the Bill for  
January with endorsement & with the oft repeated  
remark that we should have water delivered  
in our Tanks for that price & no more viz  
\$400. With the reservations specified in a previous  
letter,

As to the Mine I refer you to letter to Secretary dated  
yesterday, I will after this month cut down Expenses  
as low as can be but before doing so will have to  
connect drift from tenth station with West Mine as  
we are now within fifty feet of it & there is ore  
in its bottom, this being done if we do not find  
ore in mean time I will confine myself to sinking  
shaft & making a few necessary cross cuts

Now John as to Raymond & El I am informed  
on the very best authority that they have  
developed the ore body in the 8<sup>th</sup> level over  
three hundred feet long & from four to ten  
feet wide & today I am told on the same  
authority that they have struck it in the 9<sup>th</sup>  
But only this morning - & that they are run-  
ning for it on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> levels - If they  
find it in these levels that stock will go  
higher than before & even if they don't it will  
go to a hundred when they get ready to move  
which you ought to be able to find but there  
I am satisfied they are trying all they can to  
depress it & buy in all they can if they cannot  
get it this way I am equally satisfied they  
will assess it again & perhaps high - But  
no matter have some of it & tell all our  
Board the same as well as Cleary & Michael  
I think it the best stock one could hold that  
it will prove so inside of ninety days perhaps  
sooner write soon Your old friend  
Walter Varney



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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, }  
SAN FRANCISCO. } 38 WILLIAM ORTON, President, } New York.  
G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, }

San Francisco Oct 8 1877

Received at Virginia, Nev. Oct 8 1877 11:49 P.M.

To Geo Hearst  
Care Wells Fargo & Co

Rice wishes to know probability  
of favorable action Dexter  
matter

Great House

10/10/77

OFFICE OF

## C. R. GREATHOUSE,

### Attorney-at-Law,

Duncan's Building, Nos. 411 and 413 California Street.

San Francisco, Aug 24th 1877

Mr George Hearst  
Pioche

Nevada

Dear Sir. The Court has adj'd your intervention in the Lohis case sufficient and Cole having answered the suit will go over to the October term and not be tried until some months. The Court will retain the money (which was paid into Court and deposited in Bank) until the final determination of the case. Mr Lent claims that he has bought Roberts out and speaks of bringing suit for his interest (\$12,000) against you Deane & Cole on the ground that you were partners. I think this all talk but think it would assist rather than hurt us if he should conclude to do so. They have offered us \$7500 but we refused to compromise for less than \$10,000. If you meet Mr Lent (who has gone to Salt Lake) in your travels don't compromise in any way.



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Dear Sir. The Court has adjudged your intervention in the Cole case sufficient and Cole having answered the suit will go over to the October term and not be tried until some months. The Court will retain the money (which was paid into Court and deposited in Bank) until the final determination of the case. Mr Lent claims that he has bought Roberts out and speaks of bringing suit for his interest (\$12,000) against you Deake & Cole on the ground that you were partners. I think this all talk but think it would assist rather than hurt us if he should conclude to do so. They have offered us \$7,500 but we refused to compromise for less than \$10,000. If you meet Mr Lent (who has gone to Salt Lake) in your travels don't compromise in any way.



for less than that sum.

It is also reported that Leub  
has purchased all of Leub's interest but  
we doubt it.

Truly Yours

to Breathouse



Proche

~~1000~~ 12000-

George Proche  
George South  
Chas O'Neil

2000- coin  
1000-

George Quist Prof. at San Francisco  
74000-

Chas O'Neil Prof. at San Francisco  
73000-

George Quist

Charles O'Neil



Poche ~~1000~~ 12000-

George Poche

George Poche

2000 - Coin

1000 -

George Quist Prof. at San Francisco

74000 -

Chas O'Neil Prof. at San Francisco

73000 -

George Quist

Charles O'Neil



My dear Mother & Joseph  
Out to the mine yesterday  
every thing I took will go down  
in the shaft in the west it is all  
Ore six feet wide & no sign of vein  
you need not be in a hurry to come  
home if you please but bring out  
some duplicates for the mine & self  
& if you have got no shirts do not  
forget them My measure is  
at Kelly Boot & Shoe Store you  
may get me a pair of Boots  
made = Charles Williams did  
last night if his hands be that  
man that had the stage going to  
Meadow Valley & the others did the  
morning from your friend  
Brent

P.S. your sprang over thing in fields  
sofe is a screw. we were up all  
night with men trying to open it  
did not succeed



# Raymond & Ely Mining Company's Mill.

BULLIONVILLE, Nevada, *September 13<sup>th</sup>* 1871

Certificate of Shipment of *Eight* Bars of Bullion from Raymond  
& Ely Mining Company's Mill, this date, to wit:

No. of Bar.	WEIGHT IN OUNCES.		FINENESS.		VALUE OF BAR.		TOTAL.
	Before Melting.	After Melting.	Gold.	Silver.	Silver.	Gold.	
<i>292</i>		<i>2,580</i>					
<i>293</i>		<i>2,445.50</i>					
<i>294</i>		<i>2,678.</i>					
<i>295</i>		<i>2,518.50</i>					
<i>296</i>		<i>2,429</i>					
<i>297</i>		<i>2,430.50</i>					
<i>298</i>		<i>2,311</i>					
<i>299</i>		<i>1,827</i>					
		<i>19,219.50</i>					

*R. B. Seaver*

Superintendent R. & E. M. Co's Mill.

*Wm. A. Eastland*



3:13

MINES - NEVADA

EUREKA CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY  
W.S. KEYES

1872.

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Eureka Nev

Apr 13 1872

Received at San Francisco,

Apr 13 7 27 AM

To Geo Hearst

Do nothing about our mine  
until my letters arrive

W S Keyes

9 Pa RD

# DESERET TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Message is received under and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Company.

A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,

BLANK No. 1.

SALT LAKE CITY.

From San Francisco 19 Sept 1872

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst.

Townsend House

Can't tell the thing is  
uncertain I don't want  
to buy absolutely and  
Hill don't want to sell  
otherwise

Keyes

19 Col 125

Connecting lines to Eastern and Western States, Europe, and all points in Utah, including Cottonwood, and Tintic Mines, also with Pioche, Nevada.



OFFICE OF  
Eureka Consolidated Mining Co.

Eureka, Nev., August 31<sup>st</sup> 1872

My Dear Alcaust

You are aware that I have resigned from the Eureka and have accepted the K. K. - as yet, however, I have had nothing to do as far as the latter is concerned and am still in entire ignorance as to the proposed plan of operations - Can you throw any light on the subject

Crookshank ran away some time ago and stole over \$1500 of the Foundry money - I have had Muller to see the firm of Crookshank & Co and he has recd. judgement - the personal property was sold for \$300 and the realty for \$1143<sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and \$226<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - I have taken into the concern one A. Kilpatrick & it has done very well - he and W. J. Luck are to have 1/2 of the concern as soon as we get our money back and interest.

The concern under Kilpatrick has been doing very well indeed and I think we have cleared almost money enough to pay up the judgements out of the



profits - as long as Brookshank had it we were getting deeper and deeper in -

The concern owes to each of us to you and to me some \$1400 to \$1500 -

If nothing is to be done with the K.K. at present, please inform me whether you have any suggestions to make as to my future movements -

The Eureka mines are certainly looking well - the ore, however, is quite low - although it has recently greatly improved - the new main shaft is down some 75 feet -

Please answer this epistle

Yours sincerely  
H. S. Keyes

Eureka Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1872

My Dear Hearst

Please take notice of some of my letters and further please inform me when, if ever, you can come to this place and pay some attention to the K.K. matter - Davis, the coal and ore hauling contractor looking out for business for himself, as is quite natural is "hell bent" on having the Eureka purchase the K.K. because he will then have first an assurance of hauling ore and second another chance for a coal contract - I have not recd. a single line from Maggin since my return and I am beginning to feel uneasy - an obscene howl has been raised against him for presumed connection in bearing the Eureka and perhaps this may interfere with our placing the stock of the K.K. This is to me a matter of the first importance and I wish to push it through -

I suppose you will have to go to Levee - at any rate try and make it convenient to drop over this way if only for a single day - also please permit me to intrude on you a little advice and that is, cease getting involved in new schemes and dive along those already started - with so many cones in the fire some will surely burn -

Yours sincerely  
H. S. Keyes



Eureka Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1872

My Dear Hearst

I find an investigation that Mr. Ammond is the owner of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the square locations - these, as you are well aware are the strength of our position - Ammond has authorized me to sell his interest for \$500 and I may therefore justly consider myself the owner of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the K. K. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the square location - In view of these facts I feel confident that you will think my desire to have your shares not unreasonable & Let me hear from you

Yours sincerely,  
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G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, }

Eureka Mr Hearst 11 1872  
11/11 7:25

Received at San Francisco, 1872 M.

To Geo Hearst  
Don't understand your dispatch  
nevertheless shall telegraph you  
amount tomorrow  
W. S. Keyes

W. S. Keyes



Eureka Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1872

My Dear Hearst

I find an investigation that Mr. Ammond is the owner of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the square location - these, as you are well aware are the strength of our position - Ammond has authorized me to sell his interest for \$350 and I may therefore justly consider myself the owner of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the K. K. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the square location - In view of these facts I feel confident that you will think my desire to have 7000 shares not unreasonable & Let me hear from you

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11/11 7:25

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To Geo Hearst  
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Eureka April 23<sup>d</sup> 1872

7 2 30 A.M.

Received at  
To Geo. Hearsh

I saw  
Pearson about  
an hour ago he  
said he could not  
get a seat but  
will go to Austin  
tomorrow morning

A. E. O'Neil

27 Col

# Eureka Consolidated Mining Company,

Eureka, Nevada, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

Friend Hurst

Dear Sir

I have been awaiting  
to hear from you so long that I am getting  
very tired and have written to you twice and no letter  
or answer and I got all the deeds made out and  
I sent the Jensen Deed to your address at San Francisco  
and the deeds to the Carson and Endavour is in the  
hands of Mr. Keays awaiting the result of your  
return and it has been so long a delay that the  
boys who are interested in the Carson are getting tired  
of my telling them that I am awaiting to hear from  
you now George I want to hear from you etc away  
and George Mackinnon and my self have bonded a  
mine and the assays gave from two hundred to four  
thousand to the ton and we struck ore in a shaft  
that assayed fifteen thousand 45 feet deep I got an  
assay of \$45,000 and the ore on an assay goes from one  
hundred to two hundred to the ton the vein is from 8 to  
8 feet wide this ore shaft is down 30 feet and first  
rate ore I can get two hundred to two fifty in this shaft



We have Bonded this mine until the First of May  
There are five mines in this property and all of them  
show good ore We Bonded them for Thirteen Thousand  
Dolars and I think it is first rate property.  
If you come this way soon let me know for I am  
anxious to hear from you The Consolidated property  
is all rite Furnaces running. Bulz and turning out lots  
of Bulion Mr. Keays told me this months run Beats  
any month yet They have struck Bulz ore in the  
Big Working shaft then sunk up and back of the old  
 workings up the hill sixty five feet Deepe every thing is  
good and the goose hangs high I am helping Lanning  
to clean out that set of Jampers on the Superu and  
I think we will show that then floated there notice from  
Mural Hill and that then never located a claim on  
Ruby hill at all answer this soon for I want to  
hear from you rite of

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Yours

D. E. O'Neil



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Eureka 187

Received at

10 10 1877 M.

To Geo Hearst

When will you be here if not loan such order for money answer

J R Harrold

13 Paid

Wll

OFFICE, next door to First National Bank,  
MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY.

Eureka August 29th 1872

Friend Hearst send me some Dimons

I wrote twice to you no answer I wish you would write and say go on and rush the quartz Mountain tunnel it wont take long with 2 shifts to run it in then we have a mine such as you cant find at that place the Tiptop that we all looked over last fall is the biggest mine on the coast Rositer the foreman of the Richmon ast me to go & look at it yesterday I went and I never looked at a better mine Rositer only took me for agrivation I want to work on our claims on the west side of Prospect mountain and will sink on the coming vulg if you will take time to write and say so the ~~to~~ mountain top & Princes Royl look well if you will say so I will go to work and can sell the ore and pay all expences on the three and have them in good fix when you com Hill House is at Austin the new trial question will be settled as to the Temon to day I will let you know do write

truly yours J R Harrold

P I send 3 letters that have been laying here for some time one goes to the Post office



Friend Hearst      Eureka Oct 4th 1872

Your telegram received

I went up to the mine early this morning Mr Mord  
& a Frenchman was there Mord says its a wonder of a mine  
I seen he was excited & so hinted to him I prompt Biley  
Wormoth the biggest owner here he says he can let me know  
in 5 days what he will take for the mine he is waiting for  
news from Arizona from 2 interests led by England I stand  
the best show to get that my self I will soon know Mord told  
me coming down that one hundred thousand dollars was no money  
for the mine I agree with him but did not tell him so  
2 men is drifting across the ledge every hour adds a thousand  
dollars to the value of the mine Secret Canyon would be a  
good place to work the ore or spinto its 2 miles down to the  
Pinto mill about the same to the old Sierra mill thats now  
burnt down the fire rock for lining furnaces is found in  
large reefs below the old Sierra mill the test shows it will  
stand twice as long as the pancake rock old Taylor made  
the test in his furnaces he is making a big success but the  
Ruby Con is the finest works in the state they will soon  
start Tom Con will go with me on Monday to look at the Hobie  
ck he dont know that you know any thing about it I keep  
that to my self I will conclude a bargain as soon as I can  
without saying the mater and telegraph you  
the Hobieck is on the same belt as the Scorpion about 2 miles  
this side on the southern slope of the Bald Mountain  
yours J R Herald



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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't,

Salt Lake Jan'y 21 1872

Received at Eureka Jan'y 21 1872 5:07 P.M.

To Geo Hearst

Hess withdraws all suits  
puts Seed in Bank for twenty  
per foot six months He  
to receive one third profits  
got all other feet have  
to pay fifteen Dollars for  
six hundred & thirty feet  
for which seeds are made  
to you Holcomb party out  
which gives perfect title to  
you Hess will draw  
ten days sight five thousand

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Received at ..... 18 ..... M.

To

will leave for Eureka Tuesday  
with all papers correct Telegraph  
if you will accept draft.  
J. J. Even oak  
75 pd  
M & W  
Answer



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Salt Lake July 22 1872

Received at

Eureka July 22 1872 2:50 P.M.

To Geo Hearst

Let Hess stand on his own bottom - Have six months to redeem - all other feet secured - Have drawn on you for five thousand ten days sight. Six hundred feet needed to you - Telegraph Wells Fargo you will accept so I can bring deed title all straight except Hess Mortgage which makes no difference to us but must pay five thousand at

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..... 1872

Received at

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To

once to secure balance feet answers tonight

J Pennocks

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MWD



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Salt Lake Jan'y 23 1872

Received at

Eureka Jan'y 22 1872 4 p. M.

To Geo Hearst

Hess will deduct nothing  
for cash down but will  
extend time. one year so  
time is all right

J Severn oak

18 p d

M W

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Salt Lake Jan'y 23 1872

Received at

Eureka Jan'y 23 1872 9<sup>30</sup> a. M.

To George Hearst

Have to pay today by  
draft sent fail Telegraph  
acceptance

J Severn oak

10 p d

M W



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G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, }

3 San Francisco Feb 2 1872  
Received at Eureka Feb 2 1872 3:50 PM.

To Gen Hearsh

Have given Haggini all  
the deeds or copies Tell  
him to pay me fifteen  
hundred 1500 coin

J Severn oak

18pd.

sdw



Salt Lake City, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1872

Col. Alex. Majors

Payent

My dear Sir,

If you will take hold and help us on Copper Mountain paying to us in cash \$500, and assuming about \$3200, in debts to be paid as due, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of which is now due, and \$1500, due March 16<sup>th</sup> 1873 we will deed you  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our interests, consisting of the following mines located and situated as per diagram,

Elam 1000 fut, "Iroquois" 1400 fut, "Choctaw" 1400 fut,  
"Natchez" 1400 do "Cherokee" 1400 do, "Tuxarora" 1400 do,  
"Waddis" 1200 do, "Cumka" 1000 do.

Or we will sell for \$4000, cash, the purchasers to pay immediately, the following bills, in addition,

A. Majors about	\$100.	
A. W. Nuckolls "	165.	
Josiah Wallace & Co "	750.	
V. Cordilla "	450.	
Genl. Connor "	1500.	due Mch. 16/73
	<u>\$2965</u>	



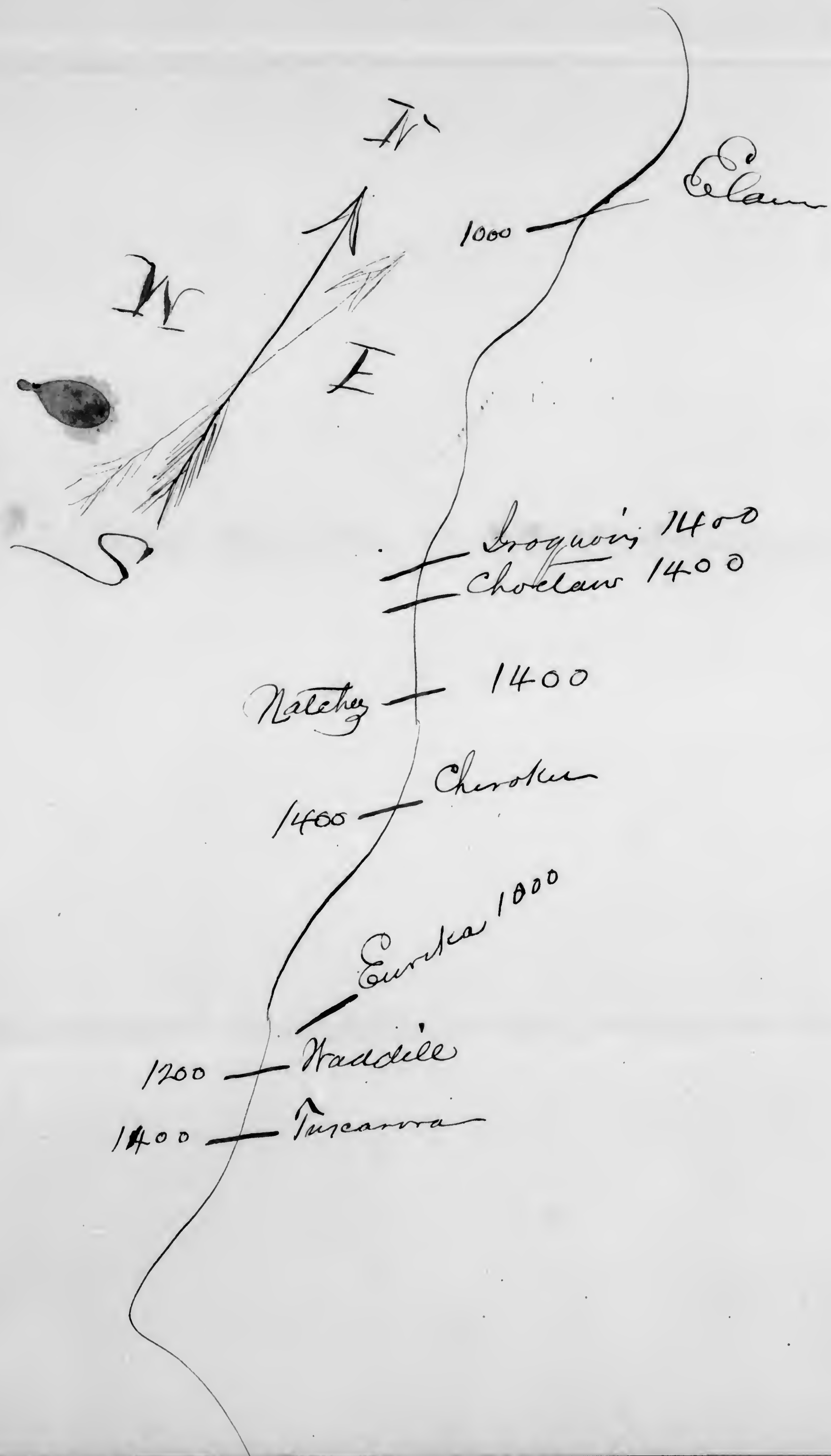
Trunk Forward \$2965.  
Goble & Co. about 100.  
Sundries " 150.

\$3215

Truly yours

Robt A. Haddall







Col. Alex. Majors

Present.

My dear sir:

Thinking that a general description of the leading characteristics of Lucine District <sup>as noted</sup> may enable you to more readily form <sup>an</sup> opinion, upon examination, as well as to observe peculiar features not usually noticed in hurried and more cursory examinations, I take the liberty of making the following report, from a practical standpoint, as a prospector, ~~and as one claiming to~~ be more intimately acquainted with the leading features, indications, &c. of the camp than any person now there, unless it be my brother and partner.

It will be immediately observed <sup>upon reaching the mine</sup> that the oxide and carbonates of lead predominate largely, but little galena being found in the camp up to date.

Except a few ledges lying south of the main cañon every ledge in the district crops with either iron or copper blossom rock, and in every case so far as prospected, ore has been reached at a depth from 40 to 100 feet. It will be seen upon examination that the "Tecoma" was worked for Copper, the red oxide being the blossom rock, which ore was sacked and packed down the hill and now lies opposite "Knapp's Cabin" - the cabin of the original owners of the "Tecoma" mine. The Empire mine had Iron gossin as top rock; the Hartness brothers



claims also cropping with Iron.

In reason from the finding of Volcanic glass and native, malleable copper, on the surface, on the mountain, that at some period subsequent to the formation of the ledges that an eternal fire or heat prevailed for a lengthy period of time and vaporized the lead to considerable depth, leaving the Iron and Copper as a residue in the veins.

I assert that on the ground I wish you to take are the plainest proofs to be found in the District of large ledges of ore, and I base this assertion upon the following incontestable facts, viz:

First; The Ledges are the plainest defined and boldest cropping in the entire District, and are the main veins of the District. The proof of the latter clause being in the fact that all the seams and ledges being worked in the Camp have a bearing from all points of the Compass towards these ledges, while these ledges have a uniform course throughout. Another proof of these being the main veins lies in the fact that while dozens of ledges exist on the foot-hills, but ten or a dozen <sup>under</sup> break across the mountain.

Second; You will find that the Ledges I wish you to handle break the formation at almost right angles, proving them to be, in every instance, to be true fissure veins.

Third; These ledges show the stratified formation of ledges, some of them showing no less than three veins of mineral in the ledge on



the surface, to wit; lead, copper and iron, char-  
acteristics accompanying no others in the entire  
district so far as known.

Leaving you to judge of each of the  
mines owned by us on the hills, I will enter  
into no special description of either, as any  
one not biased by his own interest must  
see for himself all I state.

Respectfully  
Robt. A. Waddell

Ask for B. F. Waddell at Tecoma  
mines of Maj. Tonkin, Capt. for Major Kelley,



Champion Mine 16 miles this  
side of Eureka shafts - 100 ft - 30 ft -  
drift - vein 4 ft wide average over \$100 -  
per ton plenty wood water 1 1/2 mile

- |       |           |                         |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| * 1 - | \$ 112.80 | Grey Carbonate          |
| * 2 - | \$ 203.04 | Sulphuret (Galena)      |
| * 3 - | \$ 37.60  | Grey Carbonate          |
| * 4 - | \$ 45.12  | do do                   |
| * 5 - | \$ 144.76 | Sulphuret (Galena)      |
| * 6 - | \$ 141.00 | Mixed samples Carbonate |



Mr. Deane  
 please ask Mr. Neeson  
 about this  
 Co. Treasury

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weekly  
~~DAILY~~ REPORT <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> <sub>16. included</sub>

**Eureka Consolidated Mining Company,**

Eureka, Nevada, 16 August 1871

No. of Tons of Ore received at Furnaces,	531 1/2		
" " reduced,	743 1/2		
" " on hand,	628		
" Bullion Produced, <sup>this week</sup>	Bars, 2487	Weight,	266432
" " Shipped,	" " " 2268	"	242513
" " On hand,	" " " 574	"	61484
Total Bullion product this month,	" " " 4719	"	507657
" Shipped	" " " 4487	"	483653
Purchase of Charcoal,	- - - Bushels, 28252	Price,	8148.42
Consumption " 10% allowance "	25568		
Charcoal on hand, <sup>for waste ind.</sup>	103855		
Purchases of Wood,	- - - Cords, -	"	67 p cord
Consumption " - - - "	40		
Wood on hand,	- - - "		
No. of Men employed in Mines,	401		\$ 1599.00
" " at Furnaces,	670		2840.00
Rate of Freight to Railroad, this day,	\$ 13.25		

REMARKS:

Supt.




OFFICE OF McDONALD & WHITNEY.

STOCK BROKERS,

404 MONTGOMERY ST.

San Francisco, Dec 27 1870.

Sold for account of 

Dec 21	100 Eureka Com.	15 3/4	1575
	less Comm		488
			1567 12
93	By order		<del>1567 12</del>

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Eureka 21 1870

Received at San Francisco, June 21 1870 306 p M.

To George Hearst  
Made sure examined mine  
worthless Man truthful but  
crazy mad  
J. K. Maddocks

10 p m



3:15

MINES - NEVADA

SAMUEL McMASTER  
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

1871 - 1874

Nye, Nev.

MONITOR & BELMONT MILL COMPANY

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JAS. GAMBLE, General Supt., }

Ophir Aug 18 71

Aug 15 71 530 P

Received at

To Geo Heard  
W. H.

I see Daily today  
and will be here  
Sunday morning

Samuel W. Masters

Heard

**OFFICE--Next door to First National Bank,**

**MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY.**



Minersville September 9<sup>th</sup> 1811

George Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir

The samples you sent me from

Severe. I assayed carefully and find the following results

No 1	Pride of the West. Large yellow Porous piece	\$108.67
" 2	Brown close grained.	" 47.13
" 3	Blue hard showing Nickel	" 9.43
" 4	Close grained blue hard ore	" 12.50
" 5	Boulder float a bove 1 <sup>st</sup> crossing	" 3.14
" 6	Lost Rock side of Cabin	" 15.71
" 7	Jessie under the Hill	" 3.14
" 8	Mar range float right of Falls	" 23.56

Truly yours

Samuel Mc. Master

Bully for Pride of the West

Chambers

Will bond those mines tomorrow



Write when you go and  
where you go

If Bride of Nest does  
so well tis worth looking after

54  
1/2  
21  
6  
10  
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Mr. Chambers got a letter from Miller  
he is at Montazoma, and wants me to come  
down, and run a Mill and Mine that he  
has bought he said it was your wish  
that I should go he represents you to be  
interested in it, and that he has a big  
thing, and I hope he has for I find good  
things are hard to find. I had a letter  
from Brother Tom in Piche he says Raymon  
& Ely looks well, and advised me to buy under  
\$8000 I wish you would inform me the best  
place to send, and get it.

I believe Sparrowhawk  
is sold but they have not taken possession  
yet - I am expecting Shaw up every day from  
San Francisco to do so.

Truly Yours

Saml M. Master

Walkers Mill November 29<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Friend George  
I arrived here from Montana on  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov. and came out here to see the Battie, and  
Low Sand Chief, with Mr. Seavenoaks they had  
it the biggest Mine in East Canon before I came  
to see it. in fact it looks worse than when I  
was there 7 Months ago, and we did not think enough  
of it to sample.

J. Clarks Mines in Montana will not  
do, when a Man looks at the Brick Pouroy he thinks  
he is looking at the Shanadore in North Star  
the hole they are working in is Ten feet deep, and all  
used up, with some spots of good ore in sight  
but dont look much like a Mine. average sample of 7 feet  
by 6 feet \$43.96 in the bottom of the Shaft there was  
nothing in sight the talk of sinking 100 feet this winter



on it. and may develop some thing. and we came to the conclusion that it was better to have a bond on it. and Chambers went over to Bannack for that purpose. as we could get a bond without any money down. and there is no knowing what they may find this Winter in sinking

Chambers will

be down here on the 30 Nov. We went to Virgensen. and examined Browns Gulch. and made a lot of assays which I will forward to you the Pacific Mine that O'Brien & Jud Wiswell Bonded would have done but we were too late. the Formation is Granit. and the Sedges looks as if they would run down O. Brien Bonded for \$60,000 90 Days the Quartz all carries Gold less or more. and some Sulphur of Iron. and would react well for amalgamation

From Browns Gulch Chambers went to Boulder. and we went to

Vipond District there is 7 Men at work Sinking Shaft on three Locations one Shaft is 10 feet square. and shows ore all around but mixed up with Limestone a good deal. I have not assayed the samples from here yet but will forward them to you as soon as I try them

Quartz Mountain

is situated 3 Miles from Vipond. and looks well but the Snow was so deep we could not see much but there is more Ore on the Surface in the shape of loose boulders than any Camp I ever was in. and they are breaking it up. and selling it on the Ground for \$35. and 40 on the Lump I think there will be a good shoe for a Mill in the Spring. and lots of Wood. and Water convenient. the Mountains are very high. and will carry the Snow till May or June. and there is about 2 feet there now.



Belmont Sept 11th 1874

Friend Hearst

I telegraphed you there was no change in the Woodville Mine for the better.

On the two hundred foot level they have drifted 82 feet in length 42 feet north of wing. In the face of this drift there is no ore but there is a good gouge alongside of the wall which has got some very white quartz in it, and they may find ore here by running out a few feet north of this point as it looks very favorable.

South drift from wing is now in 40 feet. In the face of this drift there is about three feet of ore assay value in gold \$50.23 Silver \$57.55 Total value \$107.78. The quartz at this point is very hard, and it was almost impossible to get an average. Average sample of a pile of selected ore in this drift assayed as follows Gold \$25.11 Silver \$14.13 Total \$39.24. The wing from this level has connected with the 300 foot level. There is one very good bunch of ore showing in the Hanging wall side about 55 feet below the

two hundred foot level. One sample picked out of the solid quartz when assayed gave the following result Gold \$25.11 Silver \$31.42 Total \$56.53. The wing was sunk on the foot wall side of this ore, and I should judge it is not very extensive.

Three hundred foot level they have drifted north on the vein 35 feet, and in the face of drift now running north there is about two feet of ore which assays as follows Gold \$25.11 Silver \$21.99 Total \$47.10. Twelve feet from the face of this drift they started a crosscut to the East, and ran it about 35 feet through soft looking Porphyry with occasionally a streak of quartz running through it, and it looks very much like ledge matter.

Estimated amount of ore on the dump 125 tons. Average sample taken with care assayed Gold \$12.55 Silver \$15.71 Total value \$28.26.

I think the prospects of the mine in the near future to become a paying mine is good, but I would



Belmont Sept 11th 1874

Friend Hearst

I telegraphed you there was no change in the Woodville Mine for the better. On the two hundred foot level they have drifted 82 feet in length 42 feet north of wing. In the face of this drift there is no ore but there is a good gouge alongside of the wall which has got some very white quartz in it and they may find ore here by running out a few feet north of this point as it looks very favorable.

South drift from wing is now in 40 feet. In the face of this drift there is about three feet of ore assay value in gold \$50.23 silver \$57.55 Total value \$107.78. The quartz at this point is very hard and it was almost impossible to get an average. Average sample of a pile of selected ore in this drift assayed as follows Gold \$25.11 silver \$4.13 Total \$39.24. The wing from this level has connected with the 300 foot level. There is one very good bunch of ore showing in the Hanging wall side about 55 feet below the

two hundred foot level. One sample picked out of the solid quartz when assayed gave the following result Gold \$25.11 Silver \$31.42 Total \$56.53. The wing was sunk on the foot wall side of this ore and I should judge it is not very extensive.

Three hundred foot level they have drifted north on the vein 35 feet and in the face of drift now running north there is about two feet of ore which assays as follows Gold \$25.11 Silver \$21.99 Total \$47.10. Twelve feet from the face of this drift they started a crosscut to the east and ran it about 35 feet through soft looking Porphyry with occasionally a streak of quartz running through it and it looks very much like ledge material.

Estimated amount of ore on the dump 125 tons. Average sample taken with care assayed Gold \$12.55 Silver \$15.71 Total value \$28.26.

I think the prospects of the mine in the near future to become a paying mine is good but I would



advise the sinking of a new shaft at once  
the present Incline is no way of prospecting  
the mine I should judge it dips at an angle  
of 30 Deg. and is very crooked. and a very  
expensive way of working the mine. They will  
have to get a pump at any rate if they commence  
sinking. and by the time they get their Incline  
straightened and timbered so that they could  
settle the Pump it would cost as much as  
it would to sink a new shaft

They were all ready to start the Mill but were  
delayed some on account of a Heater  
not arriving. but expected it there on the  
7th I don't think it possible to keep the mill  
running with the present developments

Yours truly  
Saml W. Master



Monitor & Belmont Mill Company,



Philadelphia District, Nye County, Nev.

Belmont, Nev.

Sept 11th 1874

Friend Hearst

When I arrived in Austin

I found Mr. Caspio and we got a wagon and started for Amadore Mine distant from Austin about 7 miles. There was two men at work on the mine I could only go by what these men said about the mine as the Incline was full of water to within 25 feet of the surface those men said the Incline was at down 280 feet and that there was a ledge in the bottom 5 feet wide of splendid ~~ore~~ black Sulphuret ore. but by the time the water is out the ore would runner down to nothing. They were taking out some nice chloride ore from the surface a streak about 12 or 13 inches wide and set in quartz like a wedge big end up. The formation of the Hill was a kind of quartzite on the east wall and Porphyry on the hanging wall I think the whole Hill is a slip

Monitor & Belmont Mill Company,



Philadelphia District, Nye County, Nev.

Belmont, Nev.

1874

The Incline dips at an angle of 25 Deg. I took some samples from where they were at work on the surface which assays as follows No 1 Best \$929.34 No 2 Average of 12 inches \$144.49 No 3 from the Incline at water level \$470 Except there is some ore in the bottom of the Incline that will pay there is nothing on the surface to justify you in taking hold of the mine. The Monitor looks well to night on the two hundred foot level in north drift the face of which looks splendid to night I think we will get considerable ore in the vicinity of the north vein I will write you more fully in a few days about the Monitor when I get better posted on it All the boys are well Jefferson they say look well

Your friend  
Saml W. Master



3:16

MINES - NEVADA

POTOSI MINE

1868

112/204  
c



Thos Coving Edge

Silver City Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Sir

In reply to your enquiries as to the yield of the Potoci Ore Crushed at the Webfoot Mill I would state

The Second Class ore yielded	\$ 68. <sup>15</sup> / <sub>100</sub> per ton
" First " " "	255. <sup>00</sup> / <sub>100</sub> " "
" Average of 19 1/2 tons "	95. <sup>13</sup> / <sub>100</sub> " "

The Pulp of the Second Class gave by assay	\$ 105. <sup>10</sup> / <sub>100</sub> per ton
" " " " First " " "	369. <sup>00</sup> / <sub>100</sub> " "

The Waste water from Battery assayed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	\$ 161. <sup>00</sup> / <sub>100</sub> " "
" " " " " " 1 <sup>st</sup> "	504. <sup>00</sup> / <sub>100</sub> " "

This Mill being small and very deficient in settling room caused a large loss in this way - estimated after numerous trials at from 18 to 24 per Cent of the value of the ore. This was very marked in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class ore an average of about thirty pounds taken from the pile at the mine assaying \$ 489 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> being \$ 120 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> in excess of the pulp from the same ore -

Very Truly Yours  
John P. Richards



Polari Mine

This Mine is situated near the Town of Silver City and has been opened on the Croppings over 300ft and a shaft sunk 75 feet following the veins and at the Bottom of the a level runs on the vein 50 feet showing the vein to be from 18 in to 2 feet and the 20 Tons taken out of the drift worked at the Mill which was poorly worked as the assay of the Tailings showed getting out of the ore less than 2 thirds of the gold and silver and yet the rock paid First Class 250 per Ton and Second Class 95 per Ton - and the work on the Croppings show the shaft of ore to be over 300 feet actually opened and the Croppings can be traced at intervals all through the claims. This Mine is well situated for working and contains 2800 feet and I have it for sale at \$15.00 per foot

I now have the control of Martin Langtons interest in all of said Claims which are located on Treasure Hill recorded in said records in June 1868. Said Claims have had work done on them sufficient to show a good paying ledge on all of them little perfect and free from jumpers. John Langton and Martin L. Jr. are on the ground in peaceable possession of the whole. I propose to make a Co. say of four business men who shall put in cash 1000 dollars each for the purpose of buying out the other Owners which can be done through Martin Langton after the purchase the Stock shall be divided into 5<sup>ths</sup> the Capital taking 4 fifths. I retaining One fifth. Should you think this worth your attention I wish you to take hold of as quick as possible as I am sure from reliable information that it will no go begging.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
J. George Hunt.

H. H. Asherson



3:17

MINES-NEVADA

SAVAGE MINING CO  
VIRGINIA CITY  
SAM Y. CURTIS

1863-1870

VIRGINIA CITY, Nevada

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Virginia 10 Aug 2/63

My Dear George

Home again, if  
this delightful place can be dignified  
with such a name - I arrived safe,  
but at one time in the trip I suffered  
we were about to furnish an interesting  
item for the Times papers - Going  
down the Backbone grade at night,  
our lead Horses fell and brought  
the spring team down, all four were  
under the wheel Horses in a minute,  
kicking right merrily, the passengers  
were out of the Stage quiet and  
caught the Horses, setting all right  
in a few minutes - No damage, a  
little scare and some benefit, as  
the little episode furnished a  
goat to the fast driving the balance  
of the route - I found  
every thing progressing satisfactorily,  
the "Santiago No. 2" shaft is down  
30 feet & in very good working  
rock, I do not think we will encounter  
any blasting rock before we strike

200

300

200

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the Ledge from present appearances.  
I have written Hyman this  
Evening about "Sierra Nevada";  
there is no doubt, but that they  
have struck good rock in their  
new shaft. I am afraid the  
stock will take a sudden start  
upwards. C. Inyes has sent  
below to buy another 100 feet  
and several others are buyers in  
the market. The strike is so far,  
only known to a few.

Reese Rier is spoken of very  
much here. I have not yet  
been able to find anything about  
the Buckeye, but will write you  
as soon as I gain information.

Archy McDonald is here at present,  
tells me that the Curtis claim  
has damaged him \$16,000.

Andy Casamayo will start for  
Reese in a few days, his old  
mill at Steamboat has been burnt  
since he left. I will get up  
the incorporation papers as fast  
as possible, for all the claims as  
yet unincorporated.

Best respects to Mrs. Hearst and  
shake your Con's hand for me.

Regards to Mrs. Lunt, Soc: and  
all friends

Ever very truly yours  
Sam. J. Curtis



39. Boston

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Virginia 17 Aug. / 68

My Dear George I will only write you a short letter to night, I am considerably wearied with my days work, and besides am not at all well, I have been under the weather ever since I arrived back here, I cannot account for my illness unless it is caused by my stopping the imbibing of all <sup>any</sup> spirituous beverages, and going it alone on lemonade — I write you this night principally about Santiago No 2 and Hunt Co — The Santiago shaft is down 35 feet, the rock getting softer and like the hanging wall of the Santiago mine, it is also thickly stained with colors incidental to that mine — Am very much pleased with it and think we will have a first rate mine — The Hearst is good beyond peradventure, I have cut the ledge in two places and find first rate ore on the surface, I will send a little of it down to you



I think your good fortune must  
yet be in the ascendency - I am  
preparing the Incorporation papers  
and will send them down in a few  
days - We are hearing very big  
stories from Reese every day -  
Andy Casamayor starts next Thursday  
the travel is so great now, seats have  
to be engaged 4 or 5 days ahead -

Will write you a long and full  
letter in a day or two - Compliments  
to Mr. Hearst - Regards to So! and  
Mr. Bent - Ever very truly yours  
Sam. J. Curtis



Virginia 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 64  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Genl & Stuart  
My Dear Sirs

Yesterday  
afternoon visited the "Yellow Jacket"  
mine, which shows a decided im-  
provement in the drift running  
north on the Eastern side of the  
ledge, the face of the drift shows  
several small streaks of first into  
ore running through it. Where this  
good ore first made its appearance  
it showed only a very small seam,  
but drifting north a distance of  
about 40 feet other seams of good  
ore strike in, and in some places  
form quite a bunch. I think when  
the drift gets a little further north



a considerable quantity of good  
ore will be developed, especially  
at a greater depth, for I think  
you lack depth yet in the mine  
more than anything else - The  
ore taken from the West side of  
the lead at present, I do not think  
will amount to any very large  
quantity, but may form a very  
considerable body at a lower level.  
Taking every thing in view the  
prospect of the mine is very favorable  
at present -

I have no changes to write of other  
mines - It is reported around  
Lower, said to come from San Francisco  
Letters and Capt<sup>l</sup> Blunsdell informs  
me that I have been appointed to  
the "Garage" -  
Very truly yours  
Sam. Curtis



Virginia 28 Oct 63

My Dear George

I believe [redacted] [redacted]  
are like [redacted] of the map or  
"Ignis Fatuus" of Old Ireland -  
apparently within reaching distance  
our minute, the next minute you  
are a mile off - On Sunday eve.  
I heard you had arrived, but too  
late to think of disturbing you,  
Monday morning I hunted you  
and finally found you had gone  
to American Flat, I started on Goodwin  
and took the road of American  
Flat [redacted] and Hurst's mine  
but without seeing you, got back  
to Virginia about dark and after  
dinner waited in Wood's & Wilson's  
until 10 o'clock when I learned that  
you had started for San Francisco



Virginia 28 Oct 68

My Dear George I believe you  
are like the "Wall O' the West" or  
"James Haters" of Old Ireland -  
apparently within reaching distance  
one minute, the next minute you  
are a mile off - On Sunday eve.  
I heard you had arrived, but too  
late to think of disturbing you,  
Monday morning I hunted you  
and finally found you had gone  
to American Hill, I started on Howland  
and took the road of American  
Hill ~~and~~ and Hearst Mine  
but without seeing you, got back  
to Virginia about dusk and after  
dinner waited in Wood & Wilson's  
until 10 o'clock when I learned that  
you had started for San Francisco

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.



and also that you had been in  
the Saloon for a short while  
when I was absent from there -  
I suppose it was ordered that  
[redacted] not to [redacted] be  
helped, but I [redacted] have wished  
much to have seen you about  
various matters - I have sent the  
papers of the Helix to San Francisco,  
please sign them - I will send  
down the Hearst and Santiago's  
papers in a few days as soon as  
all here sign - The mines are  
looking very well - But Santiago's  
stock being so low will hurt us  
in the extensions, there is something  
wrong in this matter [redacted] Santiago  
for there is more good ore in sight  
in the mine than ever -

Erano has arrived in town this  
Evening, I saw him but a moment  
he said he wanted to have a talk



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the Saloon for a short while  
when I was absent from there -  
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we were not to meet & cannot be  
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Superintendent's Office, Savage Mining Company,

Virginia, N. T. 17 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1864

My Dear George

I sent you  
the Sack of rock left at  
Wells Fargo & Co. The things  
you left at the International  
I could get no trace of -  
I hope you received the rock  
This is here again, was  
in the mine with me y'day  
and is well pleased, he selected  
specimens of first class  
one from all the breasts -  
Mr. Lent went to Carson  
y'day to look at the  
International fight - I do  
not know when he will  
be back - He told me  
he had received a letter  
from you & you wished  
me to write you - I suppose



you would wish to hear about "Savage" more particularly, and therefore will speak at once about the "mine of the Country".

The potosi Chimney is looking very fine and I am now talking about 12 tons of ore per day from there, for the Central Hill, which will average about \$170<sup>00</sup> per ton, besides considerable second class.

The main body on the 4<sup>th</sup> Station on the upper floor, is showing at present time more first class ore, than ever found before in this body. The East Chamber last week looked like a fault, but on working East it has come in again

showing a good deal of first class ore again.

The prospecting and drain drift South has about 12 lb water (a good sign for ore) and some pieces of quartz which were washed in when the water first broke through, assayed about \$9<sup>00</sup> per ton.

I have not been able to catch the breast up yet the water has been so strong - I have hopes of striking ore in this drift, if so it will be a big strike for the Savage - In the 80 foot prospecting shaft I am just in on the edge of the body of ore cut by the Sold<sup>d</sup> End Camp within 14 feet of our line, but



have suspended operations  
for a few days, to start a  
drain drift for the bottom  
of the Working shaft, both  
sets of hands being in each  
other's way - I intend to  
put down the Working  
shaft as soon as practicable  
to the 80 foot level and  
open there, I do not intend  
to be caught short of ore.  
This month I will be able  
to make the dividend on  
50 Tons second class ore <sup>per day</sup>  
less than heretofore, I have  
cut down the expense of  
milling and working at  
least \$13,000 per month -  
The second class ore is  
averaging more & I am taking  
out much more first class,

(12<sup>th</sup>)

I have over 4 Tons Camp  
ore in the ore House now,  
waiting shipment, taken  
out this month, worth about  
\$7,000 - The only difficulty  
I apprehend this month  
is in getting ore to the mills,  
it is snowing very hard at  
present - The Mills are trying  
hard to raise the price of  
crushing and hauling, a  
few of my old Mills have  
left me and gone on "Chollar  
rock", the Chollar is paying  
an increased price and nothing  
everything to pay a dividend  
in January - You have  
no doubt heard of the  
order of Court allowing the  
Otsai to bring further testimony  
in the Bagayak case - That  
Otsai will be all right, if



is only a question of  
time - You know ~~him~~  
Marshall of Austin, he  
is an important Witness  
in a suit I have pending  
for a lot in Austin, worth  
from 4 to \$5000 - The suit  
comes off about the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jan'y - When Marshall  
was here I gave him money  
& he promised to be back  
long before now, he is a  
sealy Customer, but I must  
have him - Enquire if he  
is in your City and see  
him and find out when  
he intends returning, do  
not let him know what  
about - Best respects  
to Mrs Hearst and Boy  
Ever truly Yrs  
S Am. J. Austin



it cannot truthfully  
as I do not drink stronger  
than Cider and have  
not for a long time -

If you will try and  
do what you can for  
me at once you will  
do me a great act of  
kindness -

Yours truly

Wm J. Curtis

Virginia 25 April 90

Geo: Hearst Esq

My dear George

Fred Smith

only let me know the  
other day that you had  
told him to ask me who  
owned the "St. Louis" Iron,  
A & Harris, Grass Valley  
controls the whole, he was  
here the other day and  
tried to sell the mine -  
asked \$20,000 for it, Capt  
Taylor offered \$5,000 and  
afterwards raised the offer  
but how much I do not  
know - Harris is having  
100 tons Rock worked  
and is to be over here again.  
I came here principally



about this mine and  
have in my possession  
a letter from Davis in  
which he grants me the  
mine to work, so that  
he does not entirely  
give it away or spend  
money on it, afterwards  
Davis had an offer from  
Capt. Taylor to lease, and  
then he changed his mind,  
but told me to come over  
and he would give me  
the refusal either to buy  
or lease which ever he  
did —

The Occidental  
has levied a  $\$6^{00}$  assessment  
to build a mill. Run  
the cross cut in lower  
tunnel 20 feet across the  
ledge all in one which  
I am certain will mill  
 $\$18^{00}$ , did not reach the

foot wall so cannot  
tell how wide the ledge  
is at this point, are now  
running the tunnel along  
the ledge for the wing  
for air —

The "Bullion" mine has  
changed hands a firm  
of the name of Schulz  
and Van Barger of San Francisco  
have control now, I am  
applying for the Superintending  
if you can help me Swiss,  
it will confer a great  
favor, I want to make  
a living for my family —  
I have written to Sherwood  
who is acquainted with  
Schulz, please urge him  
to use his influence for  
me — The old cry of my  
drinking too much, may  
be raised against, but



below the tunnel, as there is  
in the Cemetery.

I hope to hear  
from you soon.

Yours  
G. D. Roberts

Virginia City Aug 12<sup>th</sup> /63.

Mr. Geo Hearst:

Dear Sir —  
I am

Your conversation with me before  
you left here, you authorized me  
to draw on you for \$500, for  
the Democratic Paper here, if  
necessary.

I can assure you,  
that the life of the paper, depends  
entirely on its friends, as the  
"Union League" have already  
arrayed their batteries against  
it. The paper is being conducted,  
in an able, conservative, and  
loyal manner, but the name  
of Democracy, is sufficient to  
bring upon it the Abolition  
coherents. We therefore appeal  
to you for assistance in this  
hour of need.



Please send your check  
for the \$500, if agreeable to  
you, to order of Mess Lenthicum  
& Hoasting Proprietors of the  
Paper. Your check payable  
twenty or thirty days after  
date will do.

Mr Lenthicum &  
Hoasting receive the money,  
when contributed in large  
amounts, as a loan.

What about the Grass Valley?  
Do you want the 100ft? I  
would like to have you interested.

You run no risk. We  
have our cause prepared, and  
will commence injunction  
as soon as Baldwin returns.

Bob Koulth, the fellow who  
located the Potosi, gave us  
his affidavit a few days  
since. He says he knew

the Grass Valley Claim, and  
owned the ground, long before  
he located the Potosi. That  
he made the location to  
spite the Seay boys, who  
promised him an interest in the  
Grass Valley and then threw  
him off. Says he sold out  
of the Potosi, because he  
knew they had no rights, ~~that~~  
etc. We have the case  
on his testimony alone.

Ask Mr Lent if he  
will please answer my  
letters.

I understand they  
are taking out rich <sup>ore</sup> from  
the Jackson Claim. Whitman  
will be ~~at~~ in San Francisco  
next week. Do organize  
soon. They have struck  
a rich lead of sulphur  
in the Potosi shaft, 125 ft



Virginia City Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Mr. Geo. Woccut:

Please pay to order of  
Mess Lintreum & Hastings, four hundred  
dollars, for the Democratic Standard,  
& much oblige!

\$400

Yours

G. D. Roberts



San Francisco Jan 11/68

Dear Governor.

Nothing especial has transpired since you left, either favorable to our finances or to put a gloomier aspect upon affairs — Mr Teat will be down tomorrow night or Saturday night. He does not write so favorably about Savage and from what I can judge by the present state of the Company's finances & the amt of ore being worked I do not think will be in a condition to pay dividends before Apr 1. if then —

The Judge & I have been busy trying to fix matters up in the best shape possible and will see you through if it is in the papers —

Hope you are doing some good for posterity anyway —

Yours  
Wm G. Stewart

Yours  
J. H. Teat



3:18

MINES - NEVADA

W. F. ANDERSON  
WHITE PINE DISTRICT

1870-1871

Treasure City

72/204  
c



FREIBERG DISTRICT.—We saw a bar of metal yesterday, from this district, which speaks well for the richness of the base ores of the place. It assayed over \$1,100 to the ton, and was produced from rock from the Ernst mine. The Morning Star is the most extensively opened mine in the district, and looks exceedingly well. A shaft has been sunk 75 feet, and most of the way through ore. It belongs to the energetic pioneers, Dennis Maloney and Thomas Fall, who have performed all the work themselves, and are in a fair way to reap what ought always to be the reward of industry and perseverance. They have about 150 tons of high-grade ore on the dump.

Freiberg Aug 3<sup>d</sup> 1870

I send by express a specimen of the "Morning Star" rock, Freiberg District, also a piece of the bullion worked with blacksmith's force and oven. The bullion is said to assay \$1120 per ton. The ore and the bullion will tell for themselves, if you will have them tested. Bull and Cap. Rawlins have just returned from Freiberg, and from the latter I gather a most favorable judgment, particularly of the Morning Star which is undoubtedly the principal mine, with work to the depth of 75 ft.

Lavin had promised, as I understood him, to go with me to Montserrat by about this time, and as I inferred in your interest, I wrote to him, and since







to you, proposing a Trip which  
would embrace Freiburg, Leon  
Pinto and Montezuma. These  
Districts are in the same region  
near the North line of Lincoln, Co.  
the two first being in Lincoln and  
the latter a little further west  
in Ariz. Recd I feel satisfied  
made an offer to the "Morning  
Star owner," but that no definite  
agreement was entered into.

I enclose a slip from the  
White Pine show of this morning.  
The claim referred to is attracting  
attention, and if you accept and  
information incline you to make  
an effort for it, the sooner it is  
looked after the better.

Very truly yours  
W. F. Anderson

W. H. Hunt Esq  
San Francisco  
California



San Francisco Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1871  
George Hearst Esq.  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I enclose an assay of the ore which I showed you at Hamilton, from the Snake Range, made by Davides & Co. on Saturday last. It shows 23 per cent of lead, a trace of gold and \$502.<sup>68</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Silver per ton. You had better go in with me, for I feel confident it is really worth taking hold of. It need not cost you but \$200.<sup>00</sup> until you see it yourself, but that much it is necessary for me to have to perfect matters as I want to go out this week, in fact must go. I do not want you to go into it unless you feel so inclined, but if you do let me hear by telegraph.

Yours Truly

W. F. Anderson



W. F. Anderson  
25  
Keosauke City, Sept 1871

re. mine at Hamilton



3:19

MINES - NEVADA

NOONDAY SILVER MINING Co.  
WHITE PINE DISTRICT  
R.H. ROGERS

1870-1871

HAMILTON, NEVADA

72/204  
c



Hamilton July 31/40

Friend Hunt

I now know of  
a lead mine at Robinson  
I think much more of than  
the grey carbonate you  
saw, it is large, and none  
of the assays go less than  
\$120. - and up to \$400. per  
ton - the ledge is reported  
at the least 4 ft. wide

I wish to get it  
bonded for 60 days - to  
4 mps. for \$5,000 to 1,000  
with privileges of taking out  
50 tons and shipping to  
S. F. to test it, if I can  
do that and you are satisfied  
with the results will you  
make me of a party of H.



to go in and take it  
I want you  
to answer me at once  
I have written  
to Col L. D. Fry on the  
same subject - and also  
to Gaspar M. McDonald

I wish you  
would talk with them  
about it as a matter  
of course we must  
give it a good square  
test before paying any  
money except perhaps  
\$100. each to prospect  
it with. don't fail  
to write at once for it  
must be done at once  
or we will lose it

Yours truly  
A. W. Rogers



Hamilton Feb 3<sup>o</sup> 1871

Friend Hearst

The Robison Dist. furnace and mines and other property is advertised to be sold, on the 20<sup>th</sup> Febry. at Public Auction. I think for about \$3,000 it can be bought and for \$2,000 more and probably less the balance of all those Carbonate mines can be had. Now I think here is a splendid opening for a good operation in the spring.

If you want to go in and take this property now is your chance. all I want is a small show, and we have to give McSellan something as he is the Keeper & Justice of the Peace who sells it, and by right management we can get it for a song. wish you would write me as soon as convenient, if you want any of it or not.

Yours truly  
R. W. Rogers



Office Noondag Silver Mining Company,

Hamilton, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1871

Friend Heust

Thompson will go down shortly with me to Tempiute when he wants to try the balance of the summer - (the man we bonded from) and will assist us and oversee free of charge - as he does not want to see us fail will put every thing in apple pie order - that suits me better than any other arrangement we could make -

I shall go down as soon as possible - I kept this open til the mail comes in in hopes to hear from you and Rust.

2 O'Clock P.M.

No letters from you and nothing new - write

Yours truly in haste  
R. W. Rogers

Office Noondag Silver Mining Company,

Hamilton, Sept 10 1871

Friend Heust

Judge Thompson goes to Piche's today to commence suit for assessments on the few feet standing in the name of some parties whom we do not know that will clean the thing up as far as titles go -

When I got down to Tempiute found the ore richer in the bottom of Kinsey, but as I wrote you the ledge seems to pitch away from the hanging wall I feared they might not like it, so to insure the thing beyond any question I bonded another important mine the "Hyandotte" for \$20,000 and put it in with this property - we paying for it and giving them the whole thing, at the original price \$175,000 you may not like it but I thought I had rather that we make a certainty of getting off with \$100,000 profit than to take any risk.



and hope you will be satisfied  
I sent down 3 more men  
and a wagon load of provisions  
last week and ordered 4 men  
to keep working in the mine, and  
one to work on the water. so as  
to have it in good shape when  
they get ready to send a man down  
to see it. you will probably see  
Sgt Rust if you should go back  
to Salt Lake before coming here.  
Rust will be in Salt Lake by  
the time you get this if you are  
at Pioche when it arrives - though  
he did not calculate to stay at  
Salt Lake but me day - they have  
made arrangements to send  
Prof Clayton of Eureka to make  
the report which suits me to a  
dot, as I know he will report  
favourably and no mistake - Philpot  
of the International or Eberhart Co.  
will endorse Clayton to the English  
Company, and I don't think they will  
send a man at all, from London,  
they intend Clayton to do it all  
I should like to hear from you P. A. Rogers

We have the water all right



Office Noonday Silver Mining Company,

Hamilton, Oct 11 1871

Geo Hunt Esq

My Dear Sir

The enclosed papers will show you how we stand. I intend to go down soon after the 14th and see how they are getting along and if I think things show well enough may discharge a part of the force, for it is pretty heavy on us. I have not heard a word from Rust since he left Omaha, about the 22<sup>d</sup> I ought to get letters from London

I have taken all the necessary steps to secure the outside debt.

Hunt can't raise the money in time but says if he succeeds will pay it in but I don't calculate on it. But I want to cut the expense down if possible

I think a good thing can be done in Pioche, to bring the water in. I saw the surveys made a year ago, now that that is going to



(Statement No 1)  
 Statement of Expenses on Pumping  
 Mines from May 20 to Oct 14 1871

May 20	To	Cash paid Horse hire & expenses	
		first trip of Rogers to mines	115 "
"	"	paid telegrams	2 "
"	"	" " to Salt Lake	4 "
"	"	Ferguson drawing paper	20 "
June	"	Horse hire Hunts trip	80
"	"	Bill at Reatys ranch	13
"	"	1 Gall clout 250.3	} 7 50
"	"	1 " Whiskey 500	
"	"	1 pair Blankets	8 00
"	"	1 Sack Barley	7 00
"	"	Rogers trip to Salt Lake	124 75
"	"	Paid Recorder Proche for Manuscript	64
"	"	Wells Fargo & Co on box ore	} 8 25
"	"	Sent to Rust N.C.	
"	"	Parsy for Abstract	20 "
"	"	Recording deed Proche	5 "
"	"	Acknowledging deeds	3
Aug 25	"	Rogers trip to mines	117 42
"	"	Wage for 19 1/2 days labor	78 "
"	"	D Purchase 18 1/2 days labor	74 "
"	"	Wells Fargo & Co	1
"	"	Acknowledging papers	3
"	"	Davens bill provisions powder &c	362 08
"	"	Hunts Horse hire paper &c	133
"	"	Paid Thompson on life tools	300
"	"	" Thompson expens. Proche	100
"	"	" Bonds deed &c Hyandotte	8 50
"	"	" Davis. Abstract	5 "
"	"	Wells Fargo forwarding	75
"	"	Hauling provisions Powder &c	125 -
"	"	Justice Thompsons bill powder	33
"	"	Discount on 2 apts	15 "
			<u>1837 56</u>

Geo Horst 3/4 Same

1378 16

be the most important mining dist. in the state it will pay largely. I have figured on it. it will cost about \$100,000 to bring it in 6 inch iron pipe right in to town where all the mills ought to be built and would be if the water was there. it costs one Co. alone \$50,000 a year for hauling quartz there is 10 inches minus measure at the Springs - has to be brought 23 miles is 800 ft higher than the town so of course 3 inch pipe would carry it most of the way as the measure will be great. I think it could be stocked. say 20,000 shares at any figure you might think best - one half the shares sold for a working capital. leaving us - or the incorporators one half the stock after it was finished it would cost very little to run it say 3 men what do you think of it

Yours truly  
 D W Rogers

On the 14th I want to draw for \$450. as per statement



Statement No 1  
 Of Tem Pule mine  
 from May 20<sup>th</sup> to Oct 14<sup>th</sup>  
 J. H. Rogers of  
 with Geo Horst

Statement of amount due from Geo Horst  
 on of Tem Pule mine from May 20<sup>th</sup> to Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

Geo Horst's 3/4 Expenses as shown by Schedule No 1		1378 16
Contra Draft on Geo Horst	500 00	
" " "	250 00	
" " "	500 00	1250 00
Am't due from Geo Horst		128 16

Statement Expenses Tem Pule mine  
 to be paid Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

102 days work from Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> to Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 1871 - two men	\$4	408 00
51 days work each		
62 days work from Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> to Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 1871 - 31 days each of two men	\$4	248 00
Foreman 31 days	\$6	186 00
Total -		842 00

Geo Horst's 3/4 Same		631 50
Add amount due from Geo Horst on former of - as above		128 16
Total amt due from Geo Horst - - -		759 66



Statement no 2

From Tule Mine  
from May 30 to Oct 4 1871

- R. H. Rogers

with  
Geo. H. Frost



Office Noonday Silver Mining Company,

Hamilton, Oct 31 1871

Friend Keast

If you think there is no chance for Rust. I want you to look up a man by the name of Hughes in San. Fr. who has a brother in London, who is now negociating the sale of mines here that I suppose has something to do with. I dont want I suppose to know we use after him but you can find out through him and see him your self. I think from his connection there, that he could handle it. As I do not know this mans initials, but his brother in London is C. Hughes 23 Great St. Helens London he is now negociating with the Eberhardt & Aurora, in London for the sale of ground that I have charge of here.

If I suppose know I was after him might not like it til this sale is made - but Geo. we must sell this property to some body - and you had bet write Rust to give up his papers if he cant do any thing

Yours truly  
D. W. Rogers



Office Noonday Silver Mining Company,

Hamilton, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1871

Friend Hewitt

I have this day drawn  
on you in favor of Wells Fargo & Co  
cash W. Willis Esqr for two hundred  
dollars this just about squares  
your prints up. I will send you full  
statement on my return from Pisco  
where I go to day to secure the  
water of the Dodd boys

Yours truly

D. W. Rogers



3:20

MINES - NEVADA

NOONDAY SILVER MINING Co.  
WHITE PINE DISTRICT  
W.F. WALTON

1864-1872

HAMILTON, NEV.

72/204  
c



San Francisco Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Friend Heart

I have this day had an interview with Mr Earl who made to me a proposition exactly as I had in my own mind made to tender him, with one exception, Viz, Relation to the rent, Our understanding was that I should go on account of my indebtedness to you but, will require a portion of it to be paid to him monthly in cash, and as he assumes all of my liabilities connected with my real estate I think perhaps you will accede to the proposition. He thinks \$300. per month paid to him and the difference you was to pay me will go on account of my indebtedness to you.

I think perhaps he will be satisfied to receive less for monthly payments on yr of rent.

I assure you the time is not far distant when I will be able to pay all up and remunerate you four fold for your repeated kindness to me.

Nothing yet done by Chuck & Co. Still I have been continuing in my efforts to assist them.

You will please write me if I can arrange



with Earl in the way advised or a better way if I can, or write to him if you think best. If left to me, or not, I wish you to remain in the premises, and you must so do until the year is up.

It can be leased for the same or a better price but I prefer you to remain in it. For my transfer to Earl I reserve the privilege of redeeming the property or selling it at my option, for one year and not assured it will be redeemed during 1865 unless black crows turn white.

I have not received that promised letter relative to the Hat + Bonnets I sold to day for 600<sup>ff</sup>. I am anxious to hear from you. All well at your house day before yesterday in haste

Truly yours  
W. F. Watson  
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Hardyville Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

G Hearst Esq }  
Dear Sir }

I have paid out in cash for labor, sharpening tools, & recording certificates on the "Parsons Lock" owned by the San Francisco Co, (besides my own services for use of my tools) one hundred & eighty nine dollars (\$189.00) from which I have prevented the claim from being jumped and I think the least the Co can do, is to send me the above amount I wish you would see them & if possible forward me the amount. I have written to Storn until on the subject until my patience is exhausted. I still deem it necessary to look after our interest here & shall so do until "some thing turns up" for a further proof positive and we require "him" so to do is money. Hardy has 16 men at work on his "Parsons" & it continues good but his hands are tied he has no money or other facilities required to press on his works as they should be. The Carter Mass Association is at a stand still & has been since strong went inside (the 1<sup>st</sup> of June). He employed me to look out for the Camp & tools &c when I have been since he left. Every thing is dull all for the want of a starter. I have had a fallow on my thumb for four weeks & can now hardly hold a pen. Please attend to the above & if you cannot send me Green Barks or some what the Co. say or think about our duty here - With best wishes I am truly  
Wm. Waller



Hardyville Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

G Hearst Esq }  
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W. P. Wallow

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.



G. Heart Esq  
Son Fromm  
Col



Please remember me to  
your good wife with much  
love & to your little Willy -

Trusting this will find you  
well prosperous & happy and  
that you may so continue the  
work of -

Truly Yours

W. F. Watson

P.S.

A Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year to you

all truly to Wm

Hamilton City Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 68

My Dear Heart

I have for  
the past months enquired of  
your whereabouts, & learning you  
was at Idaho, & thus to  
remain for sometime I did  
not write you but supposing  
you will be in San Francisco the  
coming holidays I thought best  
to give you an eye of myself  
doing, &c. - Here I am and  
in a wonderful country if I  
had, had, \$10,000 on my arrival  
here I could have cleared up  
to this and \$50,000 to \$100,000 on  
property alone, as in "small fish  
must keep on small water". I  
am well satisfied with my doing  
as is, & I think the coming Spring



will put me on earth again.

I have wished a great many times that you was with me in person as you was not, I have had you with me in spirit & in my memory, knowing you to be my Friend. not from sayings but from acts & which you shall be repaid for. I have not located you in any claims but having a number, supposed to be not 2<sup>d</sup> to the best I shall reserve a portion of such as you may select for you —.

It is unnecessary for me to give or try to, a description of the Mines or the Country & for such I will refer you to news papers & particularly to the one published in the Alta franche date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1868 which is the "truth and nothing but the truth" —.

I cannot advise you to come here this winter as the season is now over with snow and it is very cold & unpleasant but when Spring opens come at once & see for yourself. If by that time I cannot give you a good op of my stewardship "cast me off into outer darkness" & there I will stay "without a number or complaint" —.

I see Judge Walsh and many other of the old Washers "Pioneers" daily & they all as one pronounce this the greatest yet ever discovered —.

Our receipt of this please write me & any way I can serve you, command me and if in my power I will obey —.

As I always said to you Watten is not dead yet —.



I am quite well more  
our letter —

Remember me kindly  
to Mrs Hunt and as  
you do not wish me allow  
your good wife (if agreeable  
to her) to go to do —

I understood it was sent  
yesterday but I did not  
see it all on the Hill  
& you know I don't  
go on the Hill —

God Bless you all

truly yours

W. F. Waller

The snows & squalls like thunder  
to day — truly & W. F. Waller

Hamilton April 20/65  
Dear Heart

I should have  
written you on this but your  
last letter informed me you  
should leave for this place in  
a few days and I have been  
waiting your arrival —

I have nothing new to  
communicate, every thing  
looks better & better in the  
prospective, still I reckon  
we will be compelled to  
defer our visit to the Bull  
Yards until the Spring or  
Summer of 1870. The main  
reason will be on account of the  
limited facilities for working  
on, as I do not think  
your present appearance there  
will be more than 4 or 5-



started with the necessary  
fixings before late in the  
fall. I trust however  
before that time we may  
be able to take enough  
risk on from the "North  
Rose" to pay us a small  
fortune, or even may be  
able to realize thru \$50,000  
series for it, that means  
one \$50,000 each, and  
the same amount from  
several others each is  
my wish. I don't care  
how much snow, do you?

They have struck it rich  
in the "Eberhardt" at the  
190 foot level, very rich &  
well defined, that is to me  
conclusion that the quartz the  
ditch the better the mine  
on & all around Treason  
Hill as well, all on the

District. George D. & Jack  
Country. I wish you was  
here to run with me for  
a little while. I have a  
project not divulged to any  
one wherein we can make  
all we want & that without  
using but little or no  
money. I want a strong  
team of two on the Pole  
the leader will do the  
work —. No snow of  
course about it until I see  
or hear from you. It is  
on the principle of 2350 feet  
for one dollar —.

As you well know  
sometimes you had it  
in not getting that property  
on Treason Hill for it has  
been next to impossible to  
sell ever since you left  
this place —.



Hamilton June 14<sup>th</sup> / 69  
Friend Heart

I have built  
a culvert and filled  
in the street from Broad  
to Duane. Mr Ryan  
was to pay \$100. on acct  
of the job which is  
complete & well done.

I am very desirous  
to have Broad & Duane to  
Mill & the entire length  
of your Block and can  
get it done for complete  
leaving a 20 foot St. for  
\$400, I am willing to  
pay one half of the cost of  
said job, as it would  
in some the value of your  
property very much ~~trust~~

I trust you will feel  
willing & may find it convenient  
to send me or some messenger  
or one half, so I can go on &  
have the job done at once.

I regret I cannot  
ask you for it but from  
various unforeseen & unthought  
of accidents I am kept short  
of money for the present -

We will however  
& good times as soon as we  
get a good number of Mills  
in operation until then  
all hands must put a  
shoulder to the wheel -

Do write me about the North  
Rose - With kind regards to  
your family I am  
truly yours

W F Watson  




Hamilton Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

Friend Heart

Since I last wrote you I  
have with Frank visited the Mount Rose  
mine & full position & saw that we  
are not doing ourselves justice in letting  
it remain unprospected can only say if I  
had money I would not wait for your  
decision in the matter but would rush in  
it on my own hook as I must  
wait for your concurrence. 100 feet of it  
is better developed than 1000 or is, I therefore  
think if you & Ryan would contribute  
100 feet each Frank would take hold of it  
or you allow him now. I am willing &  
will do as much or better if you answer it  
now. Our party is now on an end of our  
ground sunk a shaft 40 feet & on drifting  
north on a large body of gravel 150 to 300 ft or  
& if they get out a large lot we can get it but



I wish you would come up here  
yourself if only for two days I feel  
sure we could make a stake on the  
Mount Rose of course we would be  
obliged to go on to the Hill but what  
of that in W. Pine —

Every thing is dull & no money  
to be had but we must wait our  
turn which will surely come —

Have your Wife come up with  
you whether in pine & I have a  
house of 4 rooms & kitchen all  
good enough for a Mountain —

With much love to your wife I  
am

Truly yours  
W. F. Patton

Hamilton Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Friend Hearst

As the Duke of the  
Mount Rose stands in the name of  
Ryan you will please see him in  
regard to any arrangement that may  
be made with France or any other  
party and have a letter from him  
sent that if we arrange "We" may  
"Concur" —

"We continue to ship our usual  
amount of Bullion yes it is on the  
increase; without regard to such  
times no money to write two  
hundred additional Stamps the coming  
Spring we will leave Virginia City  
behind the trees — Don't fail to  
write me on receipt of this and  
oblye

Truly yours  
W. F. Patton



Hamilton Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Friend Hearst

On receipt of this please  
write me immediately how much of the ground  
you own in the West Hill, you would  
give to have the claim properly prosecuted.  
I have been on the ground this day and  
with me, a party I think will commence  
providing, a libel offer can be made.  
I told him I was willing to give  
one half of my interest which was to  
be ~~four~~<sup>400</sup> hundred feet & I think if you  
& Ryan will do the same I can make  
it go at any rate I will try. Should  
you concur with me please send me  
the deed. (Ryan has it) for holding  
four hundred feet, also you & Ryan send  
me a deed for four hundred to go  
readied the party if I consent.

The Mines look splendid & I assure  
you next summer we will make up lost  
time

With kind regards to Mrs Hearst & all  
myself I am in haste  
truly yours  
W. F. Watson

if I can do better than the mine half I will & we  
will make the agreement



Both Mr. Call and Mrs. Smith

The Colorado On the "Mountain" Summit

There, in the dump 2 to 300 tons per

ore or less 100 ft or more from our mine &

if this is the case we will be able to

have a very much better prospect

as to the amount of work to be done

Wm. J. ...

If not delivered within 10 days, return to

1160

Wells Fargo & Co.  
OVER OUR CABLE, TELEPHONE AND AIR ROUTES

HAMILTON  
OCT 26  
NEW YORK

George Herbert Egan  
San Francisco  
California





Hamilton Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1869

Friend Heart

I have not rec<sup>d</sup> answer  
to my letter in regard to the "Mount Rose"  
the party now talk either to work it on  
prospecting interest or to lease it for say four  
or five months with the privilege of pur-  
- chasing at the end of expiration of said  
lease the sum & substance of it is to send  
it to them blind a Turkey all on one  
side. Do for heavens sake write me  
& also write Byron to time I write  
him about it on Monday advising him  
to see you immediately.

All well Minnie improving all  
the time

Byrd to Mr H I am  
in haste

Truly yours

W. F. Watson

Hamilton July 12<sup>th</sup> 1871

Friend Heart

As I wrote you in a  
former letter I do not feel willing  
to make arrangement with any party to  
work or prospect further the "Montrose"  
Mine, unless I have full legal authority  
so to do, and wherewithall to act upon,  
therefore if you consider your interest will  
warrant its further development, and  
should so desire, send me \$150 or  
\$200, more or less, as you please, and I  
will put my proportionable interest to  
it and go on and work it for I  
am confident it is a good Mine and  
can easily be developed so as to effect a  
good sale. I have had a number  
of prospect Miners to examine it with  
me & all of our think favorable of it.

One thing certain as is it is not worth  
a D — n but a little work may  
do the thing for us —

Please advise me & remit the  
litt I require of you if in accordance with  
your wishes & oblige truly yours  
W. F. Watson



W. F. Walton  
Hamilton, July 1871  
re mines

Hamilton Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Friend Hearst  
Where are you, and why do you not answer my letters to you in regard to the "Mentrose Mine"? Is it your wish to have the "Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee Mine" get a Patent on our ground, under their name, and shall we let it go by default, or how? —

Rogers rec<sup>d</sup>'s a letter from you but cannot tell me whether or not you are coming here. If not please send me answer to my inquiries in former letters or powers to act in the matter with a little money say \$200 or \$250 dollars to either work the Mine or to pay proceedings in filing protest &c.  
Please don't fail to write me something.

Truly yours  
W. F. Walton



W. F. Watton  
Hamilton Sept 10 1871

mine

As you infer in my letter I have no objection to your writing to your friends against the mine & law office.

Hamilton Sept 28 1871

Friend Hearst

One of the strongest things that ever happened was in my note saying you were lost in our city, and not knowing you had been here until yesterday, so note it be

I refer you to my last letter to you, under date of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, in which please note my wishes, if you respond to them I have no doubt but I can save you as well as myself the money we invested in the Machine, without it all will be lost.

I have spent my time, hundreds, yes thousands of dollars for the interest of others in mine or well as for myself in this plan, & now not an answer can I get from any of them to my letter in the matter - truly yours W. F. Watton



W. F. Walton<sup>28</sup>  
Hamilton, Sept 1871  
re mines



Hamilton Dec 17 1872

Friend Heart

I have written you several letters since we parted at Salt Lake City up to this inst no response.

Of course nothing done in the "San Lee Mine" matter as per my suggestions to you at the time. I regret it so as with contesting interests of it, consolidated with the Monstron & some confidence big money could be made by the operation, and it would require but little money, it I have not got, but the engineering & coal money could be any one —. There never was a better time to operate on it than at the present time as every thing is dead, or at a stand still. The "hoonday" just mine East of the Monstron has good rock and there is no doubt but the San Lee and Monstron here, with a proper development made which would not cost much property —  
— worked —.



Could you not get for me appointed  
Superintendent of the "French Mine", or  
"Original Hidden Treasure", one or both. I  
could then run the G. L. & Montreal (if  
you would "consolidate" them) at a very  
small figure. The present Superintendent  
of the French is one of our "Assemblymen"  
Elect and soon leaves for "Canada" —

If you would say to Mr. Bourne  
I could save him lots of money every  
month, it might have the desired effect to  
get me the position, at present Capt  
Turner has it, & I understand they have  
but 8 men employed. I could run  
the Hidden Treasure for \$200. per month  
and the French for \$150. and the G. L. &  
Montreal if you would get them for \$150  
then with other small matters I have on  
hand I could keep busy all of the time.

But get the G. L. & we can make a  
nice little pile out of it for a start —

I notice the "E Consolidated" is down  
again, I wish you would tell me, when it  
will advance, so I could arrange to buy a little of  
— the stock —



I hope I need not say you will  
not think I am presuming to march  
on you, as I assure you it is as  
much for you or myself that I ask of  
you the favors and if you with your  
Sons, Hezekiah & Twin would step in to  
the \$500 with a little money say all  
told not to exceed \$3000. I believe ten  
times the amount could be made in  
of sixty days —

Please think of the matter  
at once & advise with me about it.

Business is dead, Weather is  
very fine, no snow, Robinsons Bazaar  
is now the talked of - I should  
judge there was 150 people there.

I am well, more enjoyed  
better health, Trusting you or the  
same I am with best wishes to you  
& kind regards to Mrs H

Truly yours

W. F. Matten

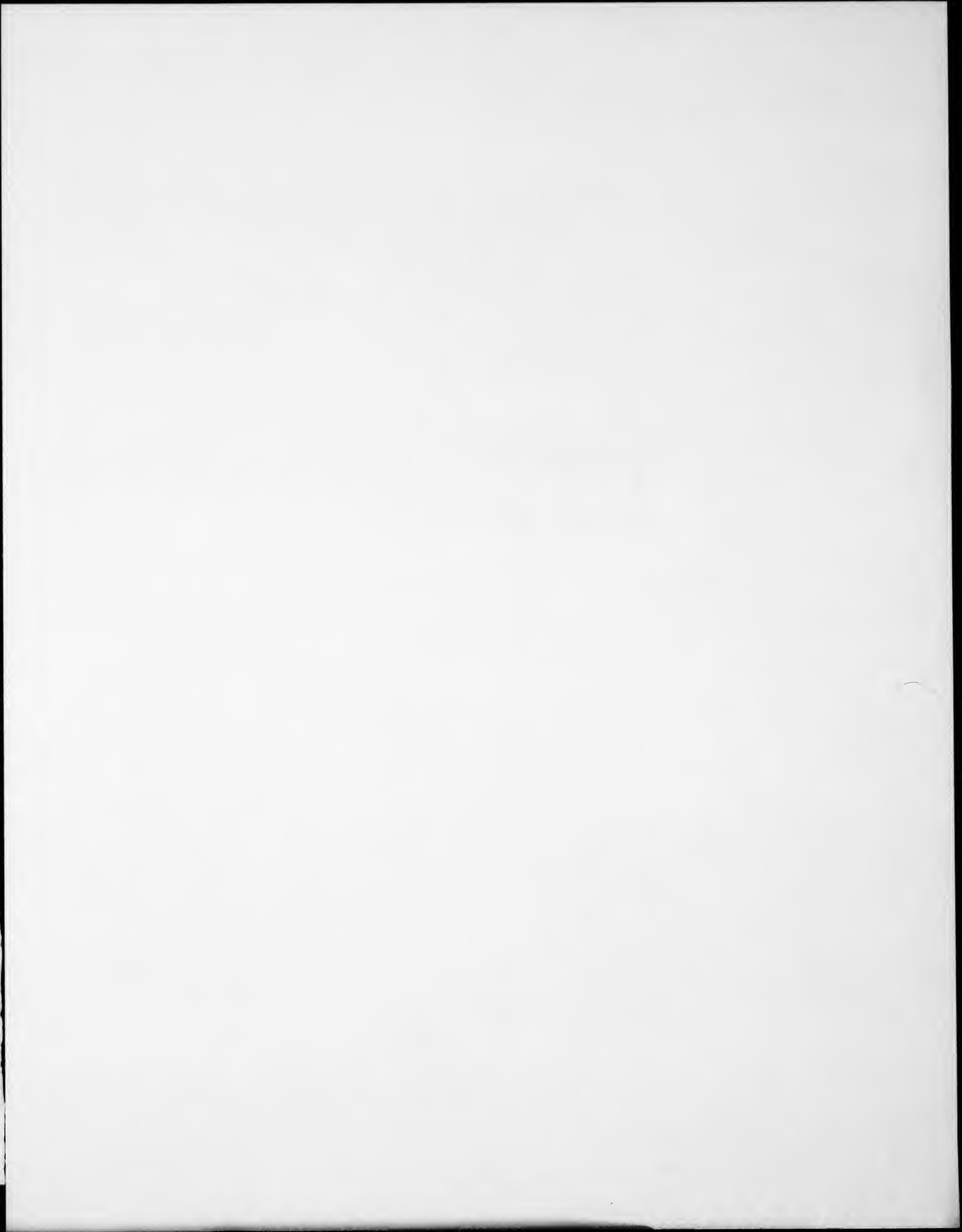


Now Friend I trust you must not  
 betray me but do as I request and  
 either send me all of the papers in your  
 own name or come & bring them  
 yourself which I much prefer. If you  
 do so I think we can make a deal  
 whole in the transaction if not I assure  
 you Ryan will "Eskare" us. I am  
convinced —. Now on receipt of this you  
 will telegraph me that you are coming  
 or that you will send me the papers  
 I require which must be due to Ryan  
 from Willard & due from Ryan to you,  
 & then due on power of attorney from  
 you to a P.H. or to me, (in trust). So  
 your interest will be safe. Don't fail  
 on receipt of this to comply with my request  
 & telegraph at once or soon. Rich Estoh cannot  
 be sold at present, but don't hold your  
 breath next summer will set as well as shun.

I will unless a letter you can show to  
 Ryan if you see him so that he will not know  
 or suspect that I knew the game he has played me  
 — unless us — truly your friend W.F. Matthews



Handwritten notes on lined paper, including the word "MAY" and several lines of illegible cursive text.





Dear Hester

Just returned to day  
among the Bear Range population & they  
have discovered some very rich leads, how I  
wish I could go & prospect a few days for  
I feel sure I know of some good points.

I have not been able to leave my  
business & go on to the Hill for  
some time Saturday. All will be  
right in the Spring. No news in  
Texas  
Truly yours  
A. M.

I learn Hill property has been done the  
past week.

Hamilton March 4 1869

My Dear Mr & Mrs Hester

Your very  
kind letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult came duly  
to hand, I was made three happy  
from their contents, the news of your  
both enjoying good health, the improvement  
of the health of your daughter, the good  
success of your White Pine venture, you all  
& every thing they contain was good.

I cannot tell you Mrs Hester how  
happy I should be in your company  
your husband & this place and I am  
now so situated in my new house  
that I could make you my company  
& will promise you & your husband a  
room by yourselves & a good fire  
the Lick House on fire, Sunday dinner



accepted. I am anxious to have a  
talk with you about a custom. Just  
so you cannot misrepresent my assertions  
in my four letters. Never mind we  
will yet have the talk on a subject,  
& if every thing works as per program  
with your husband & myself, you may  
go with us to France next year.

Am I not good in making promises  
to you, & counting for you to go "Etc."

I was in N York last Feb March  
April May & June 1868 I was part of  
the time with month round —

Your husband did not give me the  
tip of your trip, how was it? very  
pleasant? —

The news your husband writes me  
about business is good & glad to hear it  
may continue —

You are the same good kind "mind"  
your own business Mrs Heath, not  
an unkind word or charge against my  
one did I ever know or hear from your  
lips, but the like from lips of those that  
should have been my friends in adversity  
have caused me much trouble, all is  
own name & I am a good clear  
fellow, but if I lie I will make some  
of them think to the contrary —

I am glad you are not among the  
the "Boy Bands", & obliged to keep  
secret as I had rather hear you say  
No to such religion, as he professes —

I must close for my second letter  
yet to write before I return. I pray  
you to excuse me for I am in great  
haste — With kind regards I am  
truly yours F. D.



Messrs. LEE & WALLER, New York,  
TREMONT NATIONAL BANK, Boston,  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, London. Correspondents.

Agency of The Bank of California.

Hamilton, Nevada, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1870  
George Hearst Esqr  
San Francisco

Dear Sir

Your favor of 14<sup>th</sup> inst is received & contents noted.  
I have a mill but it is not at La Plata & Nevaditas. The Machinery is in Siskiyou Valley not over 80 miles from this place and more convenient to Mineral Hill than if it was at La Plata district. It is called La Plata mill from the fact that that is the name of the N. York Mining Co to whom the machinery formerly belonged. The machinery I have is not built up but is ready to load onto waggons. It has power for twenty stamps but has but one complete ten stamp battery and aside from the machinery proper there estimated to be five or six thousand dollars personal property consisting of Betting nails, steel wheelbarrows and all the material for erecting & running a mill. all of which I will see you for



\$15,000. on six months time You giving  
 note or notes for the same with security that  
 will be approved by the officers of Bank of ~~Massachusetts~~  
 @ 1% interest per month. - I do not desire  
 to sell the Mill and take a mortgage on  
 same for security. I heard of a 20 stamp  
 mill recently built in S. I. for a Company  
 that cost them \$20,000 for the Machinery alone  
 in S. I. say nothing of freight from there.  
 & that they get no personal property, and  
 nothing but the Machinery proper. and no greater  
 capacity than the Machinery I have

The original cost of the property I offer  
 was \$60,000. it was made at the Union  
 Foundry S. I. I do not say that the cost of  
 the Machinery alone cost \$60,000. but it is  
 the Machinery including the personal property  
 with all of which is necessary & useful  
 in erecting & running a mill. I would  
 like you to go & see or send some one who is a  
 judge of Machinery to examine property I am  
 not afraid but that it will bear inspection  
 It is good property the Machinery being new & late  
 improvements - I think there is a distinct <sup>with</sup> ~~much~~  
<sup>never</sup> ~~over~~



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MINES - NEVADA

E. J. RYAN  
WHITE PINE DISTRICT

1869 - 1870

TREASURE CITY

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Treasure City Feb 23<sup>th</sup> 1869

Mr. Hearst Esq  
Dr Sir

I suppose you will reach San Fran<sup>ce</sup> this evening, I have written you fully in regard to the Black Cloud and hope you will have attended to the matter before this reaches you. I am making arrangements to purchase the Venus Mine Stone Cabin and ground about it, they were offered one thousand. Well for the house and place I mean the land. Lots are selling there & they are building quite a town since you left. You remember the Venus, where we stoped at the Dutchmans Stone Cabin and had coffee, I was in the Mine yesterday, the shaft is down 40 feet and is in a large body of Quartz which looks as if they might get a big Mine. There is heavy spar on one side in the bottom & I would bet that they will have as good a Mine as there is in the country by going a little deeper. They have a good ledge on top showing Chloride which will pay. I have had an assay from top ledge of \$250 - & from average of bottom ledge \$60 - They passed through a stratta of lime some 8 feet between



the top and bottom ledges. I wish you had  
gone into the shaft I know you would have  
been greatly pleased. This is an old location  
made in July and they have done \$1500 worth  
of work on it. They offer it to me for \$5000 -  
House Wreckers rope & ground, I offered them  
\$4000 - but they will not take it. I think I shall  
give them the \$5000 - and shall send it down  
to you. I must pay \$300 - to bind the bargain  
but will have fifteen or twenty days to pay for it  
The title is perfect. I believe the mine can be  
made in a few days worth fifty thousand dollars.  
It is cheap now at twenty thousand the way others  
have been selling. You must put it at twenty  
thousand - Pearson has written me for one or two  
mines and I suppose his party will take hold  
I have been to see the Comstock Mine and  
it looks well. There is a great deal of fine  
ore. I am sorry you did not see it before  
you left. There is some ore sacked at the mine  
I have had an assay of seven hundred. I think  
I can bond it for 20 days at twenty thousand.  
It is the best mine I know of for sale now.  
It will stand the test as the ore is high grade.  
There are three ledges in a series which all show  
good ore they put them all in at \$20000 - I made  
a good location today south of the Silver Glance.  
I hope you will push things. You may rely on what I send  
to be good. Weather is fine & all well. Telegraph me about  
matters. Yours in haste  
E. J. Ryan



Treasure City Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1859

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

I have scarcely  
time to drop a line as the mail leaves.  
The Black Cloud is looking splendid  
it was there today I think probably they will  
hold to the trade though they feel sick over  
it, I spoke to you about the Cornstock  
& Venus. The Cornstock is I believe the  
best mine here. If I get it bonded this  
afternoon I shall send samples of ore  
which I broke from the ledge myself  
also the assay I had made here,  
I can bond it at Twenty thousand  
There are four ledges all go together  
they are located in same manner as  
the Barroide in order to keep others  
off. It is a regular mountain of  
ore, High grade. Assays run from \$250-  
\$1500. The ore will speak for itself



I write that you may be know what  
is likely to come, I will stand the  
test

Yours in haste  
E. Ryan

Put things through  
I can buy the Doby property, save  
some coin  
R



Treasure City Mich 25<sup>th</sup> 1859  
Geo Hearst Esq: Dr. Sir

Yours of 20<sup>th</sup> just  
to hand. You need have no fears about  
B. Cloud. I have made all possible inquiry  
and find the title perfect. Those parties on  
the East end of the claim are jumpers there  
They are trying to sell out their claim.  
Parties have come to me and wanted  
me to buy, I told them they had no  
title. I also consulted a lawyer and he  
says B. Cloud title is all right. You know  
if any body strikes anything good that  
there are people who are ready to dig holes  
near them. I dont know whether or not  
to put men to work on B. Cloud. Men want  
pay every week and I am not able to pay  
in case the money should be detained below  
and would have trouble. I have paid out  
money for locating several of my friends and  
doing work on the claims have written to them  
they do not respond, I think there ought be two  
men at work on B. C. at least.  
I do not know how it could have been stated  
that I had sold Montrose, I have not



tried to see it justice day before yesterday  
I told Walton he could have  $\frac{1}{3}$  for one third  
of ten thousand Dollars and that he should  
share in the proceeds of the Mine even if  
you had made disposition of it at the time.  
We must put the thing through somehow, I  
am sorry it did not go off as at first but I  
have a firm conviction that we shall make  
well out of the Mine

I think you had better send me power  
of Attorney to sell our real estate if you  
have not sent it already, think I could have  
sold most of it in the past two days if I had  
the power as there is quite a stir in lots in  
Hamilton

Myself and Joe were at the Independents  
today, they were taking out very fine looking  
ore, I have no doubt when the Mine is fully  
opened it will look fine and be a good paying  
property, however we cannot see underground

Hoping that yourself and family are well  
and that you are enjoying yourself and  
Very truly yours  
O. J. Ryan

D.S.

Joe will write you soon



Treasure City April 15<sup>th</sup> 1869

Geo. Hearst Esq  
Dr. Sir

Your very  
interesting favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> to hand  
for which you will please accept thanks.  
I appreciate your reasons for the  
stringency and pressure in the Money  
Market and am sorry that times are  
so tight just at this time. However  
I think it is only a matter of a few  
months and financial matters will be  
again prosperous. Most of the money expended  
will go back again the completion of  
the R. Roads will stay expenses and  
outgo and will bring a large amount  
of Capital from the East. And as you  
say the Mines will send in larger returns  
at this season of the Year than at any  
other. I think thirty days will bring matters



all right. However it is wisdom to prepare for the worst and take advantage of circumstances if possible.

I intended before writing you to make a trip to several Mines and take notes but the past two days have been very rough and people were unable to go about much. But the weather is likely to moderate soon. I have made no sales of Real Estate yet but have some negotiations going on and may make some sales soon. Walton & McCabe thinks it is like throwing away money to sell lots now. But I shall do as you say. I think it best to see some anyway I have offered our joint lots all for sixteen thousand Dollars. McCabe said he thought he had a man who would go in with him and he would take them. He thought the property cheap. But his man had only four or five thousand Dollars. I offered to take \$10,000 - down and bal in thirty and sixty days. I was offered two thousand

five hundred for 200 feet square over on the side hill yesterday. I offered to take thirty two hundred for the south two hundred feet. I think I shall arrange matters so that I can be here three or four days in Hamilton and make sale. You have no idea how fast Hamilton is improving. The County seat has given it quite a start and all concede even some on Treasure that Hamilton will be the place. Real Estate is dull at Treasure though improvements are going on as usual. Every body seems to have the utmost confidence in the country and were it not for tightness of money in your City and discouraging reports coming here of dull times below the excitement would be greater than ever. Every body who has seen Black Cloud is pleased with it and say it is a fine thing. The new body of ore is still increasing in size. The men are blasting some lime Cap which lay



over and around it and it in a few days I will have it in shape. I think I could place some of it here as soon as this storm is over. I want enough sold so that you have that two thousand back. Then we can take chances on the balance and ought to make a good deal of money. If you have an opportunity to place enough for that two thousand do it. You need have no fears to recommend it. I expect to make trade for some Montrose next week. If you find a chance to work it off do so. You need not send papers until I send for them. I have no fears but we shall make money out of it. I think Joe Clark has bought the Davis Mine. You remember we went to see it. It looks well and I suppose he will take it down or send to you. It conflicts with the evening star which is an older title. The evening star is not much but is sold below as you know. There is a claim called the (Rodgers) which shows first rate though it is a new claim located about the first of March last. There is some fine ore in it will assay from two to Eight Hundred Dollars. There is not much work done on it but only some ten or fifteen

days but sufficient to show a large ledge and good pay. It will stand the test and can be recommended. In fact it recommends itself. I had sold it to party from San Francisco last week at Eleven thousand Dollars but he received news from below that money was very tight below and it was impossible to sell. He liked the claim very much went to see it several times took rock and had it assayed and was satisfied. I can bond it at about seven thousand may be six thousand but don't want to unless you think you can put it through. It lies between the Banner & Blair and the Comstock Mine on the East side of the Ravine. It is the same kind of ore as the Comstock and no doubt the same ledge though a thousand feet worth of it I can send you this at any moment as I have control among the owners or the owners are particular friends. If you want it write immediately or telegraph I think I shall send it to you any way and



shall have the Papers fixed up tomorrow.  
We can make a few thousand on it;  
Joe. has seen it and says "it is a nice  
little thing" but I think it is as good as  
any thing about there even the Davis.  
There is another Claim near the California  
Mine which I can bond at \$12000-  
It is an old title made last Fall and it  
looks well. I have not made any assay  
but think it will assay pretty well. It  
looks like the Cel. but they have not  
done very much work on it only down  
about 12 feet though I think a good  
deal of it and think it will open out  
well. I have seen the Samson Mine.  
They have done very little work on it. There  
is some good ore under some Cap rock  
in a small crevice. Bradley was with me  
I wanted to know why they did not put  
a blast in and see if there was a ledge or  
something to call a mine. Well he said the fact  
was they were afraid to work lest they might  
spoil it. I don't think much of it as it is  
now though it might turn out to be a good  
thing but would have nothing to do with it  
unless there was some work done. Besides there  
is an old title close by. I will look after  
it. You shall hear from me in a day or  
two. Hoping yourself and family will escape  
that fearful epidemic I am  
Very truly yours E. J. Ryan



something into money. But I am satisfied as I think the prospects are good and have confidence in the country. I shall send papers for Rogers Mine tomorrow and shall give a description of it.

We shall look at the Hearst and Hydenfelt Emmel tomorrow.

There seems to be more inquiry for mines within two or three days I expect before many weeks to see San Francisco as crazy as ever after White Pine. This country is all safe notwithstanding the disappointed crokers and their discouraging reports. If you can you had better sell some of the Montrose Has Taylor called on you? Stand up for White Pine

Yours truly,  
E. J. Ryan

Treasure City April 18<sup>th</sup>/69

Geo Hearst Esq

Dr. Sir,

I have had deed made to you for the Rogers Mine. It is signed by all except one of the owners who will be in town tomorrow and complete title. I shall have deed deposited in Cal. Bank for 30 days to await sale of the mine. Joe. will go again tomorrow to see the mine and will report. If I can I shall get head to go and see it. The party of whom I spoke in my last and who had partly <sup>bought</sup> the mine for eleven thousand intended to place the mine below at \$2,500-. Brady & Clark were in with him and were advancing five hundred dollars being one half the forfeit which



they had to put up on the Mine and could not bond it without. They made some seven or eight assays themselves and were satisfied as it assayed some six or eight Hundred Dollars. I had control of the Mine and was bonding to them. I had the Mine at six thousand and consequently would have made five if the thing went. But the discouraging letters from below weakened the parties. You must know that the Mine must be pretty good when Brady and Clark were willing and anxious to put up one thousand Dollars forfeit forthwith. They knew I was going to send you the Mine and wanted to take it for their friend here whom they have great confidence in and whom they think can see below to his friends. His name is Marino, is a Frenchman and <sup>has</sup> influence among the French. This is confidential of

Course and don't want any thing said about it. Now I send you the Mine on the bedrock at six thousand Dollars. All that you can place it for over that we shall make I have promised Joe if he helped the thing along we should give him something nice if we made the raffle. I want if possible to place it within two weeks as I can get another good Mine of the same parties cheap if I dispose of this soon. Don't forget to help the Geo. Hearst Mine along with Stanford. I wish there was some more work done on it. But I had to pay for all the work &c done on all the claims I located without any help except a little my Brother-in-law sent me. I have not realized the first Dollars out of White Pine yet and am anxious to turn



Treasure City April 19<sup>th</sup> 19  
Geo Hearst Esq

Dr Sir

Please find  
Certificate from Wells Fargo & Co for  
Deed to the Rogers Mine made to  
you and which has been this day  
deposited with W-F & Co, the same to  
remain on deposit for thirty days from  
date. If the money is not paid within  
thirty days from date by said Geo Hearst  
said Deed to be withdrawn.

I have not time to send or get abstract  
of title but will send it tomorrow  
Joe will go to see the Mine tomorrow  
and will report and send some  
ore. Joe is busy today with Genl  
Robert's Cashier & Co who arrived  
yesterday. Had a terrible storm yesterday  
but it is moderating. Weather so bad  
that not any business could be done  
for three or four days. Put this mine  
through soon as possible. Get it of at  
twenty thousand if you can.  
Mail leaves In haste yours truly E. M. Ryan



Treasure city April 20<sup>th</sup> - 69

G. Hearst Esq.

Dr. Sir

You will find enclosed abstract of title to the Rogers Mine. Every thing is right about it.

It has stormed so badly for two or three days that Joe could not go to see the mine but soon as it clears will and will send some one if necessary. There is rich ore in sight and considerable on the dump of fine milling ore. From present appearances it is a fine mine. As I have already written you the mine is located between the Oberhardt and Comstock mines. Only a few hundred feet



from the Cornstock and on a  
line with it on the same side  
of the ravine. It is also in the  
vicinity of the Davis, Argyle, Silver  
Glance, Black Cloud &c. The  
Rogers will be one of the leading  
mines of this District. A great  
many have been to see it and  
noticed an article or notice of  
the mine in the Alta a few  
days since. It is coming into  
notice fast and it ought from  
the fact that it has good pay  
ore

Hoping that every thing will  
go off all right and that  
yourself and family have escaped  
the Small Pox and are in good  
health I am

Very truly yours

E. J. Ryan



P. S.

I have made no sales of Real Estate as yet, from the fact that the weather has been very bad and not much chance to get about. The feeling in Real estate is very good and I shall close it out the first opportunity. I have had all the Deeds put on record here. The old man Walton wants Broad street graded. He says we must give something toward it. I told him if the street was well graded I would give him \$100-00 would trade him a back lot on that side. He said all right. If the street is graded it will help property very much along that st.

My man says that those lots on Nevada st. does not go to the ditch which Miller dug around his property. But says Miller come



a few feet over his line on to us. The deed calls for the ground running to Millers line and Miller told me himself at the time that his ditch was his line and that he had dug the ditch to show the line. It makes a difference on Broad st. of some 15 or 20 ft. running the length of the ground to about 3 ft. <sup>wide</sup> at the other end of the lot. I shall see Miller and speak to him about it.

I have two or three real Estate agts. looking out for purchasers and think it will go off in a few days. So as you think best with the Rogers Mine. Get it off quick if you have to take less profit. I am going to see another Gods Mine soon and think I can land it.

Weather shooting bad

Ryan



Hamilton July 28<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Geo. Hearst Esq

Dr. Sir  
I am here in  
as lovely a climate as you ever  
saw. I find matters just about  
as in San Francisco. Everything standing  
almost still for want of money. Everybody  
hard up, still this town has grown very  
fast and is still growing and if money  
gets easier or plentiful everything will  
no doubt move with a rush. There never  
was so much confidence here in the permanency  
and value of the mines as at present but  
the scarcity of money keeps everything back.  
All the mines which have been making  
developments are looking first rate. I visited  
several yesterday and was really astonished  
at the richness and quantity. Those who have  
been engaged in real estate and outside  
business have now turned their attention  
to mining. Every body here is looking to the  
mines for help and feel confident if money  
was easier that they would be all right.  
The two Chicago men who came here are



greatly pleased with the District and the rest of the party visiting in San Fran<sup>o</sup> are expected on their return.

The Mills are doing well but they are too few. Milling is \$35<sup>00</sup> and counting loss in per centage Hauling and Milling. It takes sixty dollar ore to pay expenses, so that the Mills are making a fortune, But there will be a change soon as more Mills come in. Those owning Mines have concluded that they had better let the Mine stand still than make such a sacrifice.

There being no money to speculate with of course real estate is at a stand still and nothing can possibly be done at present. The Town has grown all <sup>around</sup> our lots and they could not be any better situated. The Hotel on the corner of Broad St. and Water St. is doing a good business. Main St. is being graded all the way and a magnificent sewer has been built at or near the Hay Yard ravine. Good wooden buildings are taking the place of tents. Miller Hymen and others have built nice residences on the side hill across the ravine. The last of the water Co's machinery will be here tomorrow and the water will be in next month, a great many families have come

in and the place looks like home. McCall is putting up a large double building 48 x 60. It is inclosed but he is afraid of getting in a tight place and may have to sacrifice it. He was expecting money from a party yesterday and if he should fail to do so would be in a bad fix. He thought he would telegraph you in case he failed. I told him you said for me to sell real estate here and help him. Also told him your heavy losses and scarce money was with you at present and that you regretted very much that you could not send the money to help him but you had hoped times would soon be easier on you. He thinks he could rent the building for a large rent but I doubt it the way times are now. If he had it four months since it would rent then for Fifteen Hundred a month but rents have come down and must go lower & if a fire should occur these buildings would all go up in a breath though his building is more secure than some others. I do not know how much he is owing but will learn more about it. He is a rascal but like others has most of his property on hand but has no doubt but times will be good again and I believe so too. I want \$150- to settle up



with these fellows the bal. on Black  
Cloud. If I dont get it right away I  
shall be in trouble. I have paid all but  
this much. I also have to pay two Hundred  
Dollars for work done on Montrose since  
I have been gone so if possible send the  
\$150- for B. Cloud and I shall feel easy  
They have stolen some ore from the  
Black Cloud. Times are hard and some of  
these rascals must make grub some way  
That side Hill by B. Cloud is turning out  
some fine ore and I wish I could put  
some men to work on B. C.

Walton has been anxious to have you  
come over and settle down on Montrose Mine  
He thinks a great deal of it and believes there  
is a fortune there. A shaft near by has just  
struck a large body of ore at a depth of  
52 feet and from its appearance it runs  
right through the Montrose ground in fact  
it is on the Montrose. The Woodway has sunk  
a shaft out on the flat near Montrose and have  
cut the same ledge. They have also cut it in  
a shaft sunk in their tunnel at a depth of  
sixty feet so that the prospect is very good  
I told the old man we had partly made sale  
of the mine and were holding back on that account  
I will write soon again. Hedden Treasurer is  
Good Yours truly C. J. Ryan



[Incomplete]

Treasure City April 21<sup>st</sup> 1870

Geo. Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday in reference to Black Cloud. I was in a hurry and said nothing about the mine. We have about forty or fifty tons of splendid looking ore on the dump. The last storm last week was so long and severe the men stopped until the weather became settled. But they will go to work again soon. I do not think that the ore will go as high as it looks & my assays only run from forty to sixty. Every one who sees the ore says it will mill over a hundred but I am satisfied not. The roads are so bad that we cannot haul from there yet. I believe by sinking we will get a big rich mine. The breast looks good where we have been taking out the ore and as we run in and down on the cut it shows a face nearly twenty feet high.

If Mr. Jansen makes or has those deeds made out to you ask him where the tract is which the Eldora Co. lost as those deeds to you must go



on Record immediately, I think you had better have the Black Cloud incorporated right away as there is no doubt but what it will sell, I will go to work and have it written up before the public and keep every thing going here if you will half try down there we can make money, I think you get that interest which Doc. Perin let Nicholas have for little or nothing as he offered it for a hundred Dollars before I came over here. It would help toward paying or settling with these Eldorado Co., as soon as we get matters fixed up about those mines I would like to take a trip to two or three outside places. Some friends have been holding out inducements and will give me an interest in rich property if I will go with them and get the right kind of men interested, I don't expect to follow anything but Mining for the next five years and I want to get my fins in on the start. All other kinds of business are overdone except Mining and I believe Mining will be the Great business of this coast and I don't know of any kind of business more suited to an old Pioneer. I know it is a rough way to live but it is not as bad as a life at sea, I wrote you to see Mr. Donald about Mammoth. If you see him only the contract we ought to get Fifteen thousand at least. I understand he paid that for the Silver Wedge which has no title. See what can be done & let us be working off what we can



[In complete]

pretty much all off the Hills and prospecting goes ahead with the rush. The weather is splendid and people go about in their shirt sleeves.

If your Friends Vent & Clark comes here I shall show them around if required, and give them all the information within my ~~power~~ <sup>reach</sup>.

There has been coal discovered worth of Hamilton some four or five miles. It is thought to be good and if so will be valuable for the reduction of the Base Metal ores.

Now we must make some cash out of this country while the excitement is up there is a good chance by pushing matters with energy. Tax your brain a little and keep the ball moving. Any orders or suggestions or directions you may have with <sup>regard to</sup> matters here I shall attend to with all my might. My health is good again and I feel first rate and ready for any thing. I am tramping over these hills as usual have some men to work on the claims I located & they are looking well. It is difficult to Bond any thing good without putting up a large forfeit, I could



or can Bond the American Eagle, the Evening Star  
the Nova Scotia + one or two others which are  
pretty fair Mines but nothing startling about them  
the ore will range from Fifty to one hundred & fifty  
per ton. If you wish me to send some of these  
Mines I shall do it or if Mr. Lent & Clark wish  
them we can have them fixed up for them

Hoping that you are well and with  
Kind regards from

Yours very truly  
E. J. Ryan

P.S.

If they still refuse to do the Black Cloud  
I suppose I had better take steps to bring them  
to time

R.

[On a separate page]  
Nothing from you since you left and  
am quite anxious to know how matters  
look below, I hope every thing is well.  
We only have eight days more on the Black  
Cloud, the contract runs out on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
instant, I wish you would telegraph me  
in regard to it, I am satisfied that every  
decent claim will sell at a good figure  
I would have bonded the Silver Green but the assays  
were not right. I had bonded the <sup>The Dutchmans claim</sup> Venus, but the  
day the papers were to be signed I was taken down  
sick and that afternoon a party came along  
and gave them eleven thousand dollars cash  
down I was to have it for five thousand for twenty  
days, Now shall I send you one or two good claims  
or are they full, I think you had better get back  
soon as possible as there is money to be made here  
by bonding Mines and selling here if they wont  
sell below, you can make arrangements below  
to have matters attended to. We have some good  
claims which I have located and I think we had  
better put them in shape and make some money  
out of them, Real Estate is going a head like  
the mischief both here and at Hamilton. If I



send you:

One or two good Carries will you  
sell them. Get a half a dozen of those  
fellows to work with you or to do the running  
Walton says you must <sup>not</sup> go on the Hill to  
often. The old man has got into his  
new House and has every thing in style  
even a Cook to wait on him.

Hoping that yourself and family are well  
and that I shall hear from you soon  
I am with kind regards

Very truly Yours

Wm. Swan

P.S. I think we have altogether under-  
rated this country. It will far exceed  
the most sanguine expectations. I am  
satisfied now that we have been too  
cautious to make a large amt. of money  
I have been mad at myself almost every day  
when I see how matters are going here and what  
I might have done  
R



3:22

MINES - NEVADA

WHITE PINE DISTRICT

TREASURE CITY, LANDER Co, Nev

72/204  
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Treasure City March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1869

This certifies that I E. Ryan of the  
City of Treasure Under County State of Nev.  
do covenant and agree with A. P. Hotelling  
of the City and County of San Francisco and State  
of California, as follows to wit: That for and  
in consideration of Three Thousand Three Hun-  
dred and Thirty three <sup>(\$3333.<sup>22</sup>)</sup> <sub>100</sub> Dollars, the receipt whereof  
is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell one third  
interest Mont Rose Mine situated on Chloride  
Platt. The same being located on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1858  
as shown by the records of White Pine District  
said Mine being now in the hands of Geo. Hearst  
of San Francisco to be sold by said Hearst.  
Said A. P. Hotelling is to ~~receive~~ share in  
the proceeds and profits of said Mine in proportion  
to his interest. And it is agreed that said  
A. P. Hotelling has this day redeemed a promissory  
Note of the Amount of Four thousand Dollars  
(\$4000) made by said E. Ryan & Geo. Hearst  
of San Francisco to E. Willard of Treasure  
City. That <sup>(\$3333.<sup>33</sup>)</sup> <sub>100</sub> (the purchase price of 1/3 of  
said Mine) is to be indorsed on said promissory  
Note by said Hotelling and the balance of said  
Note \$666<sup>66</sup>/<sub>100</sub> is to be paid by said Ryan & Hearst  
to said A. P. Hotelling when the said Mine is  
sold and the Proceeds divided, or in case the Mine  
should not be sold and should be worked said  
Hotelling is to share in the proceeds of the same  
as per his interest

Signed



No. 1.

# California State Telegraph Company.

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GEO. S. LADD, Superintendent.

H. W. CARPENTIER, President.  
GEO. H. HUNFORD

Virginia Dec 6 1867  
 Rec'd at Amity Dec 7 1867  
 To O. J. Auburn I dont know  
 what to telegraph Lent till see  
 you J. D. J. M. Mackay

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Virginia Dec 6 1867  
 Rec'd at Amity Dec 7 1867  
 To O. J. Auburn Your letter received  
 this evening cant go to San Francisco  
 Can arrange money by telegraph  
 just as well as you coming  
 up Amey quick J. M. Mackay

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WELLS, FARGO & COMPANY,  
NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY.

Treasure City, Nev. Office, *Apr 19* 1869

A check of the Rogers Ledger Co  
has been deposited this day with  
us to be delivered to Geo Hearst  
on payment of six thousand dollars  
to us for Am Brown a money James Brown  
G W Rogers & E J Ryan

Wells Fargo & Co  
Attorneys



Treasure City  
June 20 1850

Geo Hurst Esq

Sir

I see you  
are in Hamilton  
I want to see you  
very much before  
you leave - if you  
are not coming  
up on Hill drop  
me a note & I will  
come & see you  
Yours

D M Munchy

If I come down let me  
know when I will find  
you - I will look for you



at Wells Fargo  
Tucson City tomorrow

Treasure City, Nevada  
March 20th 1869.

To George Hearst  
Sir

Take Notice that  
that certain promissory Note bearing  
date 20th day of February 1869 for the  
sum of Four thousand dollars  
Gold Coin, and payable to E. J.  
Millard or order and drawn by E. J.  
Ryan, and on which you are surety  
and due on or before the 10th day of March  
1869, has this day been protested  
for nonpayment

Yours Respectfully  
William Parry  
Notary Public  
Lander County  
Nevada.



Adm Center  
at Mission  
P.D. will be in  
concordia  
with

Mr. Johns - is Superint.  
of the "Public Mine"

Mr. Caleb Torrey -  
is Davidson's attorney  
in Sonora

Tuolumne Co  
18 April 1870



Donald Davidson  
Royal Thames Yacht Club  
7 Albemarle Street  
Piccadilly  
London. England



State of Nevada  
County of White Pine  
I hereby certify that  
the foregoing is a true copy of  
the notes of location of the  
Rogers Mine and of work done  
on the same as appears of  
record on the books of the  
Mining Recorder of White  
Pine Mining District.  
Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of April A.D. 1869.  
S. P. Tenney  
Dist. Recorder



Abstract of Title of  
The Rogers Mining Claim, Rogers Co  
Located in the White Pine Mining District,  
County of White Pine (formerly Lander) and  
State of Nevada:

By location, as appears by annexed copy of  
the original notice, the locators hold  
the following number of feet set opposite  
their respective names to wit:

M. F. Brown	400 feet discovery
James Brown	200 "
G. W. Rogers	200 "
Abram Moyer	200 "
E. J. Ryan	200 "
Total	1200 "

Note: The name of M. F. Brown should read F. W. Brown  
By deed dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
April A. D. 1869, F. W. Brown conveyed  
to E. J. Ryan named above one hundred  
undivided feet of the aforesaid mining  
claim, which said deed is now upon  
file for record in the County Records  
Office of said White Pine County.  
By this conveyance the number of feet  
now standing in the names of the



locators are as follows

M. F. Brown	300 feet
James Brown	200 "
G. W. Rogers	200 "
Abram Moger	200 "
E. J. Ryan	300 "
Total	\$1200 feet

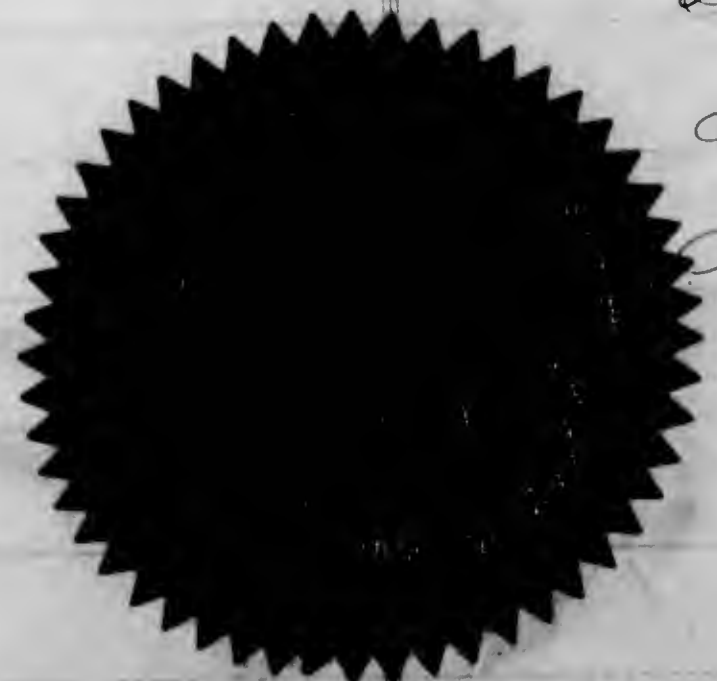
State of Nevada  
White Pine County

J. Warren T. Lockhart

County Recorder of said White Pine County  
Nevada do hereby certify that the above  
and foregoing is a correct abstract  
of title of the Rogers Mining Claim  
Rogers Co so far as shown by the  
records of my office, and that no  
other transfers appear on file or of  
record in my office:

Witness my hand and official  
seal affixed at my office in  
said County this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
April A.D. 1869

Warren T. Lockhart  
County Recorder





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Rogers  
Notice We the undersigned have  
this day located Six Claims of Two  
hundred feet each on this ledge,  
Lode, or ground holding Mineral  
Rock in all twelve hundred feet for  
mining, commencing at this Notice  
and monument and running each  
way on the ledge or Lode Six hundred  
feet with all the dips spruz and angles  
and availing ourselves of all the privi-  
leges granted by the White Pine Mining  
Laws. This Ledge to be known by the  
name of The Rogers Ledge <sup>and Company</sup>  
White Pine District Nevada March  
5<sup>th</sup> 1869.

W J Brown 400 ft distance  
James Brown 200 feet  
Wm Rogers 200 feet  
Abram Moqu 200 feet  
E J Ryan 200 feet  
1200

Filed for Record March 12<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
L J Sunny  
Dist. Recorder

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"Rogers"

The required amount of work has been done  
on this ledge to hold the same for one year

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of work  
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and has this day been surveyed by me  
at the request of Wm. Bullen.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1869.

L. P. Tunney

Sir's Recorder

By G. W. Davis Deputy



3:23

MINES-NEVADA

MISCELLANEOUS

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In the District Court of the First Judicial District,

OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STOREY.

*Sacramento Co*  
*vs.*  
*Gas. Shuman et al.*

SUBPENA.

The State of Nevada sends Greeting, to

*George Hunt*

We Command You, That all and singular, business and excuses being laid aside, you appear and attend before our District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Nevada, at a term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the County of Storey, on the *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *March* A.D. 18*80*, at *10* o'clock *A*.M., then and there to testify in the above stated cause now pending in said District Court, on the part of *Plaintiff* and for a failure to attend you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court, and liable to pay all loss and damages sustained thereby to the party aggrieved, and forfeit one hundred dollars in addition thereto.

*Seal*

WITNESS, Hon *R. R. Runney*

Judge of the First Judicial District, at the Court House, in the County of Storey, and the Seal of said District Court, this *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* A.D. 18*80*

ATTEST my hand and the seal of said Court, the day and year last above written.

*Geo. H. David* CLERK.

By *J. H. Mayfield* Deputy Clerk.



REPORT OF MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS.

6, QUEEN STREET PLACE, LONDON, E.C.,  
31st May, 1871.

To the Mineral Hill Silver Mines Company, Limited.

GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with your request that we should furnish you with a detailed Report on the prospects of the Mineral Hill Mines, situated in Nevada, from actual inspection through our firm, we have now the pleasure to inform you that our Mr. JOHN TAYLOR, JUN., proceeded on the 18th March, 1871, to Nevada, U.S., and after a most minute examination of the properties, and after plans and sections had been prepared under his immediate order, we are enabled to append his Report as follows:—

“THE MINERAL HILL MINES, NEVADA,  
27th April, 1871.

“MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS, 6, QUEEN STREET PLACE, LONDON.

DEAR SIR,

In accordance with your instructions, I have visited the Mineral Hill Mining District, Nevada, and now beg to forward you my Report upon the Mines at present worked there by the Mineral Hill Mining Company of California.

The property consists of 41 mines, locations, claims, or sites, of various extent, covering 1,500 feet in length by 400 feet in width.

The country rock, in which the deposits of Silver Ore are embedded, is carboniferous, or mountain limestone, overlying beds of shale.

I am enabled to make the statements and give the opinions which follow—First, from personal inspection of the Mine, and testing the value of the ores found there; and, second, from careful investigation of the results obtained in reducing the produce by the “Mineral Hill Milling Company” during the last six months.

The position of the various Mines and the size and nature of the workings is very clearly shown on the plans and sections which accompany this Report.

The workings are being prosecuted at fifteen different points on the property, with uniform success, and ore has been exposed to view almost continuously for a thousand feet in length. The most important workings at present are the “Pokonip,” “Silver Queen,” “Vallejo,” “Giant,” “Rim Rock,” “Live Yankee,” and “Great Republic.”

Taking into consideration the limited time during which the Mines have been in operation, the property having been virgin ground until so recently as the month of June, 1869, when ore was first discovered, the results shown are of an extraordinary character.

The mill at which I saw the ores worked is the property of an independent Company, called the “Mineral Hill Milling Company,” and was erected during last year. The ore is conveyed by them from the Mines, and worked at a fixed charge per ton.

The mill has a battery of 15 stamps, and is well found in all the machinery and appliances necessary for the treatment of ores of the character met with on the property.

The first ore treated for the Mineral Hill Mining Company was in November last, and in that and the two following months, from 49 days' working, 650 tons sent to the mill yielded £24,000 worth of silver.

From the end of January to the time of my visit to the Mines, the Milling Company were only able, in consequence of the machinery being under repair, to work the ores from the Mineral Hill Company's Mines during thirty-five days. In that short time 814 tons of ore treated yielded silver to the value of £30,000.

MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS.

REPORT



The total cost of mining, hauling, and milling has amounted to £3 per ton of ore, or twenty-two per cent. upon the value of the silver produced.

At this date the piles of ore already extracted and awaiting treatment at the mill are of the value at least of £41,000.

In addition, I can safely place the value of the ore actually opened to view and ready for extraction, at upwards of £200,000; and from the appearance of the deposits at all the deepest points, there is every probability that the quantity of ore will be found to afford an ample supply for mills of a largely increased number of stamps for several years to come.

One feature of the greatest importance is that in all the workings, without exception, the ore found at the deepest points is equal both in quantity and quality to that which has been taken from nearer the surface.

I enclose extracts made for me by the Manager of the mill, giving the quantities of ore taken from the different mines, with the assays of each. I consider that these accounts are thoroughly to be relied upon as correct, not only from investigation of the Milling Company's Books, but from personal observation of the operations at the Mine.

I would recommend that a mill, or mills, of from 40 to 50 stamps, in addition to the one at present working, be erected upon a site, which is admirably adapted for it, on the western slope of the hill, and which could be completed in about four months from the date of giving the order; and, pending the construction thereof, I strongly advise the purchase of the existing mill, which, from what I have heard, can, I believe, be secured from the present owners.

Up to the present time the ore obtained has been worth, on an average, upwards of £40 per ton, but in my estimate I have only assumed the permanent average yield of the ore at one-half the above value, or £20 per ton.

The cost of mining and milling has hitherto amounted to as much as £8 per ton; but with a larger mill, and improved means of transporting the ore from the Mines to the mill, this cost would be reduced to less than £6 per ton.

Mills of 55 stamps would treat about 80 tons per day for every working day.

An ample supply of timber for fuel can be obtained for all the requirements of the works, at a very moderate cost, as also a sufficient supply of water.

In conclusion, I would observe that the results obtained from the openings already made, the large quantity of rich ore extracted, and the continued fine appearance of the deposits in the deeper workings, justify the belief which I entertain of the very great value of this property.

I am, DEAR SIR,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR, JUN."

We have read the above Report with great care, and have since received verbal descriptions of the deposits of silver ores inspected, and of the nature of those ores and the facilities for working them, as well as the estimate which Mr. JOHN TAYLOR, JUN., formed of the value of the ores already extracted, and of those discovered remaining in reserve.

He has explained to us the manner in which the richness of each class of the ores has been tested, and proved their value to our entire satisfaction.

He has described to us also the appearance of the deposits of ore at the numerous points where the proofs have been made, and we arrive at the conclusion that the Mineral Hill Mining Company's property is one of the richest group of Silver Mines which has been presented to our notice, and which will yield unusually large profits.

We are, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servants,

JOHN TAYLOR & SONS.

DETAILS OF ORES REDUCED BY THE MINERAL HILL MILLING COMPANY FOR THE MINERAL HILL MINING COMPANY,

From February 21st to April 8th, 1871.

MINES.	WEIGHT OF ORE IN POUNDS.	ASSAY VALUE PER TON IN DOLLARS.	TOTAL ASSAY VALUE.
From 21st February to 1st April, 1871.			
LIVE YANKEE . . . . .	44,650	166.50	3,717.11
" " . . . . .	95,200	220.88	10,513.88
MARY ANNE . . . . .	43,000	385.00	8,277.50
LIVE YANKEE . . . . .	89,700	186.55	8,366.76
GREAT REPUBLIC . . . . .	43,800	193.42	4,235.89
REINDEER . . . . .	30,350	445.48	6,760.15
HOBART . . . . .	9,620	357.92	1,721.59
POKONIP, No. 1 . . . . .	11,635	232.30	1,351.40
" No. 2 . . . . .	20,600	134.00	1,380.20
QUEEN . . . . .	4,666	165.73	336.64
HARD ROCK . . . . .	7,618	166.50	634.19
MIDAS, No. 1 . . . . .	1,892	741.45	701.41
" No. 2 . . . . .	10,816	227.64	1,231.07
CHAMPION, No. 1 . . . . .	2,662	325.10	432.70
" No. 2 . . . . .	18,900	165.65	1,565.39
PALMER STAR . . . . .	29,118	80.72	1,175.20
VALLEJO . . . . .	98,436	258.09	12,702.67
GIANT SHAFT . . . . .	152,192	128.32	9,764.63
VALLEJO . . . . .	70,278	419.97	14,757.32
QUEEN, No. 1 . . . . .	9,467	313.33	1,483.14
" No. 2 . . . . .	6,025	222.05	668.92
LIVE YANKEE . . . . .	242,148	232.12	28,103.69
GIANT SHAFT . . . . .	223,574	132.03	14,759.23
GIANT CROPPINGS . . . . .	85,335	103.68	4,422.76
	1,351,682	..	139,113.44
From 1st April to 8th April, 1871.			
STAR OF THE WEST . . . . .			
GIANT CROPPINGS . . . . .	276,828	..	26,265.44
REINDEER . . . . .			
RIM ROCK . . . . .			
	1,628,510	..	\$165,378.88

Yielding at 92% Working of Mill . . . \$152,148.88

Equal to—at 4/- per Dollar . . . £30,429 15 0

Mill running 15 Stamps, viz.: during February . . . 7 days.  
 March . . . 20 "  
 April . . . 8 "  
 Total . . . 35 days.

(T.)

*John Taylor*



"Eagle Mine". Humboldt County Nevada  
1200 feet in location Incline down 110 feet  
Ledge 8 feet wide whole depth of incline  
with perfectly formed walls. Ten tons of ore  
sent to Virginia city worked \$107. in gold  
and silver. It is estimated that there are  
300 tons of ore on the dump, and 1000 tons  
in sight in the mine. There is also a  
shaft down 45 feet that will connect with  
the incline. Mine is located twelve  
miles from Orono, <sup>on C.P.R.R.</sup> and has a good stage  
road to the mine. Mine 8 miles from  
Unionville. 160 acres of land with  
large springs, sufficient water to run  
machinery for 20 stamps. Wood twelve  
miles off. Title to mine and land  
perfect



T.F.L.

The Central Pacific Division  
OF THE  
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

LELAND STANFORD, President. 0-1 F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't,  
San Francisco.

New Castle Jan'y 16 1871

Received at San Fran Jan'y 16 1871 M.

To Maj Ustick  
Nevadautte Mining Co

Will be down today

St Patrick's splendid

P. J. Hall

Edson J.

Please Answer by this Line.



Colts Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr Hurst

please drop me a few  
lines the result of your hearing  
Monday & other matters as they may occur  
yours  
Respectfully

H. H. Foreh

off from home.

Receipts. Statement March 15, 1872.

Shipped Balbado. Cal. 7/21	102 Tons	400 <sup>00</sup>	40800.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
Nov 7/21	175 "	410 <sup>00</sup>	71750.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
" 7/21	93 "	365 <sup>00</sup>	33945.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
Dec 7/21	177 "	370 <sup>00</sup>	71040.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
" 18/21	71 "	320 <sup>00</sup>	22720.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
Jan 4/21	63 "	310 <sup>00</sup>	19510.00
Feb 7/21	42 "	310 <sup>00</sup>	13020.00
" 7/21	100 "	310 <sup>00</sup>	30750.00
Mar 7/21	21 "	200 <sup>00</sup>	4200.00
			\$320445.00
City of Wells			216100.15
At Wells	30	200	6000.00
At Casco	596	275	163900.00
Total Receipts on hand	1518		\$506345.15

Liabilities

Cash Wells Fargo & Co.	59637.27
Bills Receivable	50000.00
Disbursements Wells (contingent)	6690.50
Net Wells Cash Appropriately	\$130914.77

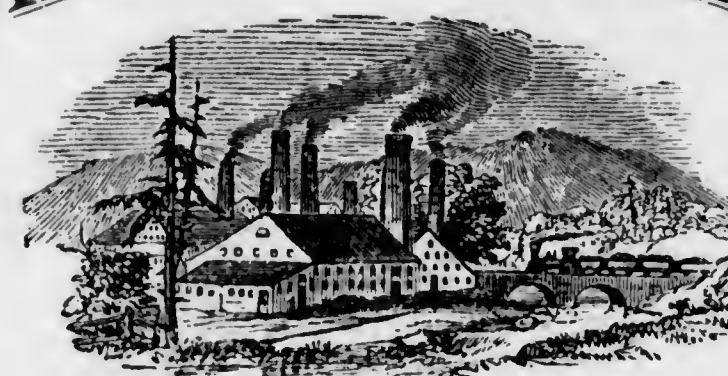
(a) Balbado assay Report received

W. M. Murray  
Secretary



**AUBURN MILL COMPANY,**

**RENO,**



**NEVADA.**

**WILL PURCHASE SILVER ORES IN ANY QUANTITY,**

**AT THE ANNEXED NET RATES.**

No Charge for Milling, Sampling or Assays. Correct Assays Guaranteed.  
Special Rates for Ores Containing Gold.

Ore Sacks Returned Free of Railroad Charges. Ores Sampled by Battery or Crusher at option of Shipper.

RENO, June 1st, 1874.

(OVER.)

**AUBURN MILL COMPANY.**

**RATES.**

Assay Value.	Per Cent.	Assay Value.	Per Cent.	Assay Value.	Per Cent.
\$ 40	25	88	45	200	65
42	26	90	46	210	66
44	27	93	47	220	67
46	28	95	48	230	68
48	29	98	49	240	69
50	30	100	50	250	70
52	31	107	51	263	71
54	32	112	52	275	72
55	33	119	53	288	73
56	34	125	54	300	74
57	35	129	55	350	75
58	36	133	56	375	76
59	37	137	57	400	77
60	38	142	58	450	78
66	39	146	59	500	79
70	40	150	60	600	80
73	41	158	61	700	81
76	42	166	62	800	82
80	43	175	63	1000	83
84	44	188	64		

*Above Prices Paid less RULING RATE of Discount on Bullion.*



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MINES - NORTHWEST TERRITORY

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
SHARES

1863

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INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1863.

# No. 70 THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY.

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
LANDER COUNTY, N.T.

40 SHARES

2400

1,200,000



Capital

Virginia, Storey County, July 22<sup>d</sup> 1863.

**THIS CERTIFIES** that L L Strong is entitled  
to Forty Shares in the Capital Stock  
OF **THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY.**

Transferable on the books of the Company by endorsement hereon & surrender of this Certificate.

G. W. Gordon  
Secretary

George Adams  
President

Lith. Britton & Co. San Francisco



\$500  
EACH

INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1863.

# No. 71 THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY.

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
LANDER COUNTY, N.T.

10 SHARES

2400



Capital

Virginia, Storey County, July 22<sup>d</sup> 1863.

**THIS CERTIFIES** that L L Strong is entitled  
to Ten Shares in the Capital Stock  
OF **THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY.**

Transferable on the books of the Company by endorsement hereon & surrender of this Certificate.

G. W. Gordon  
Secretary

George Adams  
President

Lith. Britton & Co. San Francisco

\$500  
EACH



For Value Received, I do hereby sell and assign into

Shares of the Capital Stock of within  
Company, standing in my name on its books, and I constitute  
and appoint

my lawful Attorney, irrevocable, for me and in my name and  
stead, to transfer the above number of Shares, and to sign  
and execute all necessary papers to that end, hereby ratifying  
all lawful acts of my said Attorney, done by virtue hereof.

WITNESS my hand this

Sept. 8  
A. D. 1863

day of

WITNESS

John Paul Charles J. Shmy

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and execute all necessary papers to that end, hereby ratifying  
all lawful acts of my said Attorney, done by virtue hereof.

WITNESS my hand this

A. D. 18

day of

WITNESS

Charles J. Shmy



INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1863.

No.

SHARES

# THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY.

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
LANDER COUNTY, N.T.

1,200,000



Capital

2400



\$500  
EACH

Virginia, Storey County, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

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G. W. Gordon  
Secretary

George Adams  
President

Lith. Britton & Co. San Francisco

INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1863.

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SHARES

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REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
LANDER COUNTY, N.T.

1,200,000



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EACH

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WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D. 18

WITNESS

David Bowie, C. L. Sherry



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all lawful acts of my said Attorney, done by virtue hereof.

WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

A. D. 18

WITNESS

David Bowie, C. L. Sherry





INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1863

No. 129

SHARES

2400

1,200,000



Capital

# THE LANDER SILVER LEDGE COMPANY

REESE RIVER MINING DISTRICT  
LANDER COUNTY, N.T.

Virginia, Storey County, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

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G. W. Gordon Secretary

Wm. Adams President

Lith. Britton & Co. San Francisco

\$300  
EACH

Reese River Mining District,  
LANDER COUNTY, N. T.

Shares

# MILLS, POST & WHITE Consolidated Silver Mining Company,

Austin, N. T. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1863  
This Certifies, That Geo. Hebert

is entitled to twenty five Share in the Capital Stock of the  
**MILLS, POST & WHITE CONSOLIDATED SILVER MINING COMPANY,**  
Transferable on the Books of the Company, by endorsement hereon and surrender of this Certificate.

Geo. May Secretary

A. A. Simons President

Capital Stock,  
\$600,000.



2,400 SHARES  
\$250 Each.

Incorporated May 27, 1863,  
UNDER THE LAWS OF NEVADA TERRITORY.

ENTIRE PRINT





For Value Received, I do hereby sell and assign unto

Shares of the Capital Stock of within  
Company, standing in my name on its books, and I constitute  
and appoint  
my lawful Attorney, irrevocable, for me and in my name and  
stead, to transfer the above number of Shares, and to sign  
and execute all necessary papers to that end, hereby ratifying  
all lawful acts of my said Attorney, done by virtue hereof.

WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

A. D. 18

WITNESS  
*David Conroy* C. L. Strong

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I do hereby sell and  
assign unto

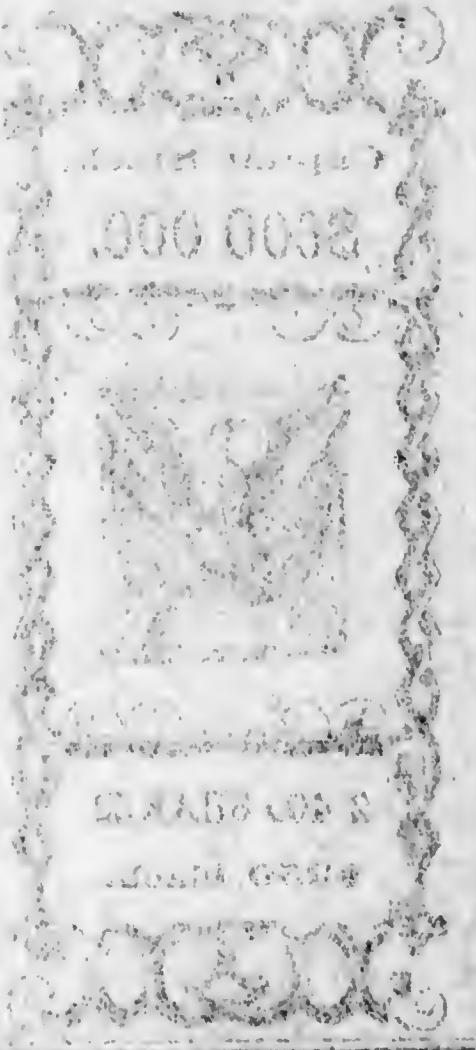
Share of the  
Capital Stock of the within Company, standing  
in \_\_\_\_\_ name on its books.

And \_\_\_\_\_ constitute and appoint  
\_\_\_\_\_ lawful Attorney  
irrevocable for \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_ name and  
stead, to transfer the above number of Shares,  
and to sign and execute all necessary papers, to  
that end: hereby ratifying all lawful acts of  
said Attorney, done by virtue hereof.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 186

WITNESS





Capital Stock,  
\$600 000.



2 400 SHARES  
\$250 Each.

Reese River Mining District,  
LANDER COUNTY, N. T.

Shares

**MILLS, POST & WHITE**  
**Consolidated Silver Mining Company,**

**MILLS, POST & WHITE**  
Austin, N. T. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1863  
This Certifies, That *Geo Heart*

is entitled to *twenty five* Share in the Capital Stock of the  
**MILLS, POST & WHITE CONSOLIDATED SILVER MINING COMPANY,**  
Transferable on the Books of the Company, by indorsement hereon and surrender of this Certificate.

*Geo May* Secretary. *A. J. Simons* President.

STEREOTYPE PRINT.

Incorporated May 27, 1863,  
UNDER THE LAWS OF NEVADA TERRITORY.



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MINES - ARIZONA

EDWARD CARY  
PRESCOTT MINING DISTRICT

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MINES - ARIZONA

EDWARD CARY  
PRESCOTT MINING DISTRICT

1868-1870

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c



Pasadena City, Arizona -

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

George Hearst Esq<sup>r</sup> San Francisco

Dear Sir

I enclose

receipt for five packages of product ore from five  
different mines, four of which I think are the richest  
paying mines under proper mill work and efficient  
treatment, that can be found any where - Personally I am  
perhaps unknown to you, but permit me to assure you  
that I am of pure integrity, and no one in my exten-  
sive dealings over this little world, in most of its  
commercial parts, and who have known me, would  
say to the contrary - I have never heard of a complaint  
or dissatisfaction with my dealings with ~~any~~ ~~one~~ in  
one instance ~~that~~ I was wronged and robbed - I have  
never been deceived by any one in my dealings but  
by one - My work with me has always been as trash, when  
mine, but, I am a good Agent as I think I proved  
myself as Agent in Calif<sup>a</sup> for Capt. Polson - I kept  
all, every inch of his vast estate in San Fran intact,  
without a suit at Law, excepting one for bounding  
five or six Squatters corner of Natoma, Howard, & First  
Streets - So much for myself as you do not know me.



The present one I send you is a small quantity, from a  
large mass of each description - it may have nothing in it,  
or it may be richer than the mass. It is the only means  
I could resort to, to enable prompt action which is  
all necessary if any thing is to be effected -  
I would advise in case of your finding any thing desirable  
in them ~~over~~ over sent you - to authorize me to pay  
to Mr French on receipt of bills; by draft on you  
on Certificate of deposit, for two thousand dollars;  
the balance, to be paid, by the earnings of the Mine,  
I can make I think any terms of purchase I think  
proper to propose - but delay not about the two  
thousand dollars, as he could get it elsewhere  
I know and then he will be off, and all will be  
gone - In my notes of this date I have told you  
I believe all - Only plain confession in me and  
do not think as Frank appears to - that I would be  
elated and proud - I am used to success in life and  
to reverses, but they neither elate nor depress me

Please write me, the mail leaves town a week  
from now -

Respectfully yours

Edward G. Cary.

I have just seen Judge Howard who sold and bought  
many things belonging to Lanson's Mill, he says he  
has the beltings so enough to set the Mills running  
again - I offered him in case a purchase of the  
Mill could be made for \$5000 - five thousand  
dollars, to give him double the price he paid for  
the <sup>personal articles,</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>which would be about \$500 -</sup> within forty days - buy the Mill although  
it will require at least five thousand dollars to  
put it in proper running condition or perhaps  
more - The Eureka Mill is worth twice as much,  
I write this very hurriedly but if you are  
able, get the Eureka - Bully Buena, <sup>& Lanson's</sup>  
Mills, and with an outlay of fifteen thousand  
dollars <sup>or more,</sup> it will all be returned to you  
in 5 or 6 cleanings, <sup>of selected ore</sup> - Excuse this hurried  
blot - for pen ink and paper and position is bad -  
Yours respectfully Edward G. Cary

You do not know what all this offers you but I do -  
God's Committee will surely be elected a delegate  
to Congress which will be a great benefit to the  
country -



these were seldom more than two or three  
 men who would locate at the same place  
 and they were easily killed off - But  
 no cabin has ever been found I believe  
 it is attached to the main when occupied  
 by any one of the party on working, and does  
 not even look at in these parts -  
 You will receive by this mail enclosed  
 inc. for \$10.00 - the contents  
 of which are fully explained in each  
 envelope - that is all contrary to instructions  
 from Mr. Hunt but it is necessary to  
 expedite, as there is no time for delay  
 but getting a certain standard  
 at once if I can be pleased to hear  
 from you at the earliest possible moment  
 as the prospect and operations will have  
 returned from them one month exploring  
 town land I fear to disappoint in any  
 way much of all feel in him -  
 He wants of you to leave the Territory  
 at once and visit his friends - if you  
 cannot pay the fare - \$150.00 in San Fran  
 Very respectfully Edward Camp

In the Woodlands vicinity of  
 Prescott City Arizona  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Geo. Hunt Esq }  
 John Perry Jr Esq } San Francisco

Gentlemen -

I received a letter from  
 Mr. G. W. Franks under date of May 21<sup>st</sup> ult  
 in which he writes in answer to "lengthy"  
 communication from me, 'I am going East  
 and cannot join you but George Hunt  
 & Mr Perry & Judge Hoffman I have talked  
 with, will send you money if you write a  
 a plain simple letter of one leaf - one  
 mind - one good one is enough and will  
 cost enough to prospect' I think you will  
 notice gentlemen, that my style is very  
 plain and very simple - but I cannot  
 give judgment on any one mine, but  
 would rather you should have a knowledge  
 of several of the very best that exist I think  
 and then if you choose <sup>to</sup> leave the selection  
 to me - Now as for cost of prospecting,



these mines are all well defined bodies, with  
outcroppings showing that their whole extent  
and they are already opened and the  
ore in many times already thrown out.  
He says also you must make your arrange-  
ments so as to have half and not have  
any private partners down there - Why  
there is no one down any where - every  
cabin throughout the Mining districts is  
deserted - Now what I should propose  
to gentlemen interested, would be to  
have a half or one third interest in  
both Mine and Mill and pay for the  
same at cost to the Company out of  
my portion of the earnings of Mine  
and Mill, which would require but  
a very few running days to do so -  
It would be some price even than was  
L<sup>d</sup> Lafayette Hayward's one third of the  
Steamer Senator which was but a very  
few running days -  
Mr. Frink writes <sup>me,</sup> You might send <sup>an</sup> <sup>a</sup>  
few hundred pounds to Geo Hurst and

he will pay the freight - I cannot do this  
unless I am furnished with funds to send  
forth the rock from the Mines to Prescott  
and then pay the transportation to La  
Paz which in all would be I think about  
\$60 - per ton and thence by Steamer &  
sailing vessel \$20 - per ton to San Francisco  
but this would require at least 3 or 4  
Months and in that time Capital might  
possibly come in here for investment  
in Mines or Mills and then a great  
change would at once come over things  
as it has always done in other Mining places  
And also the almost certainty of the Railway  
passing near their localities - It would  
take but little to encourage people  
to drag along and hold on to their rich  
Mines if they have any - but they are a  
very very few who have any rich Mine  
Apart from French's discoveries I have  
been able to find but very very few and  
their owners are either all killed off  
by the Indians or have left the territory



Prescott City

July 20 - 1860

George Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>

Dear Sir:

I duly received your favor of 3<sup>d</sup> inst. - I have delayed answering it for several mails past, hoping to hear from you, as to the result of the assays, and of the conclusions finally in regard to Mills and Mines - I do not know if you have received my letters of 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> ult. The usual mail time between this and San Fran is 12 days. I would like much to send you some tons of rock from two or three of the Mines - but have been unable to send any as I am wholly unable to defray any expenses incurred, and I should have to pay <sup>all</sup> to La Paz - Such also is the deserted condition of this richest of all Mining Regions - that there is scarce left any one at work on any Mine excepting the Futura

Miner at Wickburg and perhaps no  
other one hand, who is not profitably em-  
ployed, either at gold working on  
the creeks, or raising crops in the  
doles and valleys - In this County  
of Gavapai, which is as large as the  
whole state of New York, and so rich  
in Agricultural as well as Mineral  
Lands, I suppose there are not over 800  
Eight Hundred inhabitants - The  
Apache Indians so much feared do  
not number over 1000, one thousand  
warriors, living over an immense extent  
of territory in small bands - Any party  
of 10 or 20 Miners well armed are safe  
in any Mining Camp, and such have  
never been molested or annoyed  
in any way - In regard to your  
question as to the kinds of bed rock  
in the country - it varies in the  
various localities - Along upper  
& lower Lyng Creek, there is much  
of granite and slate casings  
as also of decomposed quartzite.

Along the Hapayampah, the casings  
and rock resemble porphyry but  
have not much if any at all of the  
feldspar crystallizations in it,  
it is brown purplish and spotted  
brunish and yellow - there is  
also much of whitish lime substance  
which shows frequently pure silver,  
and in the same will be found a  
yellow sulphur like steam - such  
is found in French's Claim No  
2 - of which I sent you specimen  
of pulverized rock - the lode is  
10 or 12 feet and has a porphyritic  
and limy and this yellow sulphur  
casings - I am very anxious to  
receive a letter from you, and hope  
to get one by the mail which is due  
this evening -

I am Very Respectfully Yours

Edward Gany.

(Not Charles Gany)



Prescott City Arizona T<sup>y</sup>.  
August 4<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dear Mr Perry

I received your very kind and most acceptable letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst - there is much delay on the mail route at present in consequence of the very heavy rains throughout the Territory during the past few weeks. The mails run semi-weekly and should not over 12 days on the route from San F<sup>co</sup>. I rec<sup>d</sup> also a few lines from Mr. Hearst under date of July 3<sup>d</sup> which acknowledge receipt of the packages of pulverized ore - It was somewhat encouraging and gives me hopes that you will feel induced to embark a small amount in what is certain to yield at once such remunerative returns and will be found of very great value and sought for by Capitalists, it needs but a successful working of a few rich mines to

give a certain value to them - As yet  
no one of any Capital has ventured into  
these rich Mineral Regions, where every  
possible advantage is offered for the  
cheapest workings of the ore, and with  
a climate the most beautiful and  
healthful I have ever found in any  
of the many countries I have visited.

The foolish dread of the Apaches and  
Huachipis, both tribes not numbering  
over 1200 warriors altogether and scattered  
in small bands over 20,000 square miles  
of Territory - No mining camp has ever  
been molested, where ten or more well  
armed men were known to be - Neither  
has it ever been known for them to  
attack our farmers where they number  
four or five in family - The Indians  
are generally found infesting the night  
neighborhood of the Military Camps, to  
steal their horses and to follow after  
them when after very long intervals,  
they go out on their scouting excursions -

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then the Indians enjoy it and feast on  
the edibles left every morning at the  
soldiers late encampments -

None of our Mines are being worked, all  
are deserted except the Fulton Mine  
at Wickenburg, which is a good Mine  
and being worked successfully - already  
in a few months a town has sprung  
up and town building lots are of  
much value - so let the Eureka and  
Lansens Mill get to work on the  
rich veins of the Hesperampah, of  
which I sent you and Mr. Heath  
the specimens, and soon would  
spring up a town around them  
and no Indians be heard of unless  
the Military should establish a  
Post there - Just as Virginia City  
and Galena had I saw spring up in 50  
& 60 - If I had had any money then  
I should fenced in a large portion,  
but then as now I had none -  
The beautiful dolerite on the Hesperampah



4. Taken up by Adna French and  
surrounded by thin rich mines  
is of rich arable soil and would  
produce every thing required and  
more and through it pass many  
trails to various localities and Mining  
Regions - Yavapai County, is picturesque  
and beautiful, in dales, valleys,  
and Woodlands with clear Springs  
and running streams throughout  
a great portion of it - it is as large  
as the whole State of New York,  
and has only about eight hundred  
inhabitants. I suppose - it polled  
at the recent election for delegate to  
Congress 642 votes - I do not suppose  
it would be possible to obtain any  
kind labor in this County - no one  
is idle every laboring man can  
earn independently his eight and  
ten dollars per day - splitting rails,  
making shingles and staves and  
cutting hay or more by planting  
corn, barley and wheat - and selling  
to government posts - at this  
time government is open to purchase

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seven hundred (700) tons of Corn - three  
hundred thousand (300,000) shingles and  
so forth - Good Miners could be  
got in California and Lower Mexico  
at moderate wages - the mules and  
waggons to bring their implements  
and stores, would be worth twice  
the amount and more than the  
implements, stores, Mules and Waggons  
would cost at place of departure.  
This should of course be done to work  
the Mines cheap and well - there are  
no Miners in Arizona one might almost  
say - they all come generally from  
Alabama, Mississippi, Kansas,  
South Carolina, Vermont, Maine &  
Tennessee principally -  
The currency here is Greenbacks, but the  
prices are all charged in Gold or its  
equivalent - Flour 30 - Beans 20 - Coffee  
50 - Sugar 60 and so on - Freight on  
all stores from San Francisco to Prescott  
via Gulf of California & Rio Colorado

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is few (10) cents per lb - so that article,  
purchased of Importers for a Mill  
and Mining Camp would cost the  
consumer less than Retail price in  
San Francisco or but little more - but  
this has never yet been done, but every  
one buys at the exorbitant prices charged  
there - and what a folly it is. I am  
expecting a few things bought in this  
way at San Fran - and they will average  
to me a saving of two thirds of what  
I would have to pay for the same  
there and in fact I could not get  
many of them at any price -  
You know that Mr Lumsden has  
put this Mill in my charge with  
privilege of running, I suppose  
and hope you read my letter to him  
in answer, as also the one to Mr Smith,  
and noted their contents; I could put  
the Mill now in running order for  
Gold working, and have the use of  
the Mill and it running for an

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outlay of not over one thousand dollars,  
the cost of running the Mill and getting  
the ore would not exceed seven  
dollars per ton - The Jii Jii one  
of French's discovery claims is near  
to the Mill and he would work it with  
me - it yields, \$50 - \$75 and upwards  
per ton Arsenic work - Lumsden's Mill  
has four perfect Arsenic and seven and  
four for four more and ten stamps  
besides - I think I could make the  
Mill pay out of the Jii-Jii and  
the Pointe Lode (in which by the  
By you have <sup>an</sup> fifty feet subterranean)  
of \$10,000 - per month - I hope that  
Mr Search and yourself and others  
will soon conclude to embark with  
me in that which runs perfectly  
and is certain of yielding riches to  
all concerned - I fear so much of  
letting the opportunity pass, it  
would require so little to start up  
all things hereabouts and just now



These comments all this to Mr. Hearsh & Mr. G. G. G. G.

I - all is dependent among owners of Mines  
without means to work them and no  
Capital in the Country - Have some  
practical business men - it does not  
require a Professor such as Silliman  
and Blake who examined the Hany  
and published a pamphlet making  
every thing conclusive that it was the  
best developed lode in Nevada, when  
it was no lode at all - and Blake  
the same about the Charles Canyon which  
never showed a color of any thing -  
I would pay sent such an one out  
here in whom you could place every  
confidence and pay his expenses  
out and back which would not be  
over of 250 - and would require one  
month most agreeably passed as  
the trip via Guaymas or up the  
Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Colorado  
and thence from La Paz by Stage  
is beautiful - I do hope to hear  
from Mr. Hearsh or Hall Mr. Allister  
by the mail which will come in  
to morrow - Very sincerely yours  
Edwin C. Gandy -

Prescott - Arizona - Aug: 12 - 1861.  
John Perry jr. Esq<sup>r</sup> San Francisco  
Dear friend, for such I believe you  
to be and of such I claim but may fear,  
I wrote to you on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

I have waited most impatiently 4  
weeks since last I heard from Mr Hunt,  
for then said he would per Mr Allister and  
Hoffman and come to a determination  
and act at once. I know Judge Hoffman  
would act in effecting this project,  
but he has not the means of entering  
into it, but for his long continued  
kind attention to my little family, he  
should share some part with me -  
Hill Mr Allister I know almost will  
not enter into or he would have written  
to me. I have twice written to him  
and no response.

I write again to Mr Hunt  
to day - which letter I beg you to read  
and note its contents, and try and  
have him get the one I put you a copy.



I have give you a Copy of a letter I have  
rec<sup>d</sup> from Mr. Jas. H. Selby.

(Copy) San Francisco July 20<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Mr. Edward Casey - Prescott City

Dear Sir

Yours of June 30<sup>th</sup>  
was received two days since, I have had  
an assay made of the sample of Lead  
ore you sent me, with following results.  
65 per cent Lead and 102 oz of Silver  
to the ton of 2240 lbs.

I cannot purchase the  
mine or be interested in mining,  
because I have too much business on  
hand now.

We would like to have 1000  
tons of such ore, and will give  
\$160 per ton for it, if it will assay  
as above; to be delivered in San  
Francisco.

The Expenses of freight &  
could follow the ore and we would

pay them here and deduct.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Jas. H. Selby

This 1000 tons would I suppose furnish  
a supply for his works on the Bay of  
San F. for about one month.

The freight from La Paz on  
the Rio Colorado to San Francisco,  
is \$20- or less per ton - the freight  
from here to La Paz is about \$40-  
by stage or train - Hundreds of tons  
of this ore all in appearance alike  
are already thrown out.

Thus on this one order there would  
be a clear profit of \$100,000 -

By hauling the ore with our own  
teams & wagons we would save the  
\$40- freight to La Paz as the upward  
freight at \$20. per ton pays all  
expenses and saves the present  
owners of teams on the route, who  
never have any freight downward.

Thus, it would give \$140,000.

As a capable business man you will see, that the cost of the wagons and teams will all be paid for by Mr Pelby on this one order and leave a balance to credit of \$100,000.

There are two deep and very large shafts already sunk the hole is an immense one.

Between the shafts there are thousands upon thousands of tons of this ore in sight. There is no difference in it to all appearance - two other assays have been sent from me which yielded \$070 - per ton -

The distance from the Mine to La Paz is less than 150 miles over a descending road as it is some two feet above Ocean level.

Mexican Mines when are I think the best as they are tractable and very enduring, can be had at La Paz - Arizona City, Williams Fork - in sufficient numbers, at \$40 - per ton. They find themselves,

There is a large and beautiful valley a few miles from the Mine, where good crops of Wheat, Barley, Corn and potatoes, cabbages turnips and all else could be raised.

A supply store in this valley to furnish the Miners stores & clothing would bring a return of one half paid out to the Miners in profits - and then they would get things at one half the exorbitant prices charged up here.

The ore from this mine could be thrown out at the rate of 2 to 3 tons per day to the man -

Mr Pelby owns a small mine of similar quality and consequently knows the probable yield of the ore, this Mine is a very narrow ledge encased in hard granite with strata or layers of granite and is very difficult to get out.

Mr Pelby's ledge is I think from 10 to 14 inches -

This hole is from 10 to 14 feet.



\* The strata or layers is of a decomposed  
mineral substance of a brownish  
yellow color and I think contains  
Gold.

I have now given you very  
minute particulars and I want  
you to keep this letter and take  
action upon it. You are capable of  
justly calculating its importance to  
men of Capital.

This mine is also I believe one  
of French's discoveries, but he sold  
it and thousands of dollars have  
been expended upon it. But the  
owners could get no more Capital  
to erect works and they will sell  
it to me as per agreement at a  
very low figure -

I will share with Capital  
and pay my portion of interest in Mines  
and terms out of the profits to  
be by them deducted -

If Hearst & Clarke have  
not already decided to act on these

Mines & Mills, would it not be well  
to see Hayward of the Bank of Cal<sup>ca</sup> -  
Comrie, Judge Field, Judge Lake  
Dr Jennie the last 3 named are  
acquainted with me - or others on  
these matters - or Babcock and  
Johnson of the Insurance Co.

As you have I believe some  
faith in my Mines try and perhaps  
of my judgment although you  
say I am perhaps too sanguine,  
could you not for yourself borrow  
say of 5000 - to purchase Lawson's  
Mill at the approaching Sheriff's  
sale, you could then buy it at  
the Mill for its payment, I would  
set it up at once in Mines that  
should yield rich results and  
you could pay all back in a  
few days. Or, if you could not  
do that could you not get one  
thousand dollars with which  
I could purchase back the  
Belting etc and set it running.

8. ~~It is~~ Can you not persuade Stewart  
to give me money to send down ones  
to be worked at San F<sup>co</sup> and send  
me up parts & twines & needles &  
shamb stalls as I think they are called.

I have not one dollar to do any  
thing.

When in the Chinese trade acting  
a supercargo for some 14 years  
millions of money were placed in my  
hands for investment and no complaint  
was ever expressed but the contrary  
as my cargoes were always found  
to be the cheapest and best purchased.  
and I was allowed 5% commission.  
Now you see I can puff <sup>up</sup> myself  
as well as other folks -

Then Mr Perry will acknowledge  
the facts of this letter naming its  
date that I may know you get it.

Believe me dear Sir

Very sincerely yours

Edmund Perry



Prescott Arizona Aug: 12-1860.  
George Hearst Esq<sup>r</sup> San Francisco  
Dear Sir;

Referring you to my  
last under date of 28<sup>th</sup> ulto.  
I must express to you my very  
great disappointment at not  
receiving any advices from you.  
You last saw of July 3<sup>d</sup> which  
I see ~~at~~ on the 17<sup>th</sup> ulto - 26 days  
ago - during this time I have very  
anxiously awaited to hear from  
you, as you stated you would  
call on Mr. Allister and Hoffman  
and come to some positive con-  
clusion and act at once.

Mr. Allister and Hoffman I  
feared would not act with  
you in doing any thing in Mines.  
I had hoped you and Mr. Clark  
would act in it  
whom Mr. Perry said he would  
see in conjunction with you,  
and urge you to aid me in

effecting the objects, as proposed.

Mr Perry wrote to me he had handed over to you my letters to him - there was one also for Mr Fairbank unsealed as I wished the contents of it noted by all concerned - in it I enclosed a published summons for suit on foreclosure of mortgage on Lamson's Mill & Appurtenances for some two thousand dollars. A lapse judgment has been obtained in the District Court and a sale will be advertised on and the Mill will sell at an awful sacrifice as I do not believe there is five thousand dollars in this portion of the Territory - The large building (enclosing the boiler and engine and the 4 Arastres) must have cost at least \$10,000 - there is room in it for 4 more

Arastres and 10 stamps and amalgamators &c of which it has none, the engine is of 25 or 30 horse power of fresh <sup>tubular boiler</sup> iron, and needs only cleaning & properly adjusting the cylinders - it will work the 4 arastres with a pressure of 10 pounds, burning  $\frac{3}{4}$  cords of wood in a day, as I am informed - The Thunderbolt Crusher, will crush 15 tons of rock per day - I write to you that I had the refusal of purchasing back the beltings and other articles that had been sold out of this mill, for about \$400 - for <sup>sum</sup> the of one thousand dollars I could have had the mill running long since, and I could work on the <sup>the Tie-Tie</sup> of French's discovery claims, adjacent to the mill, which would have yielded me at least \$10,000 per month -



22  
If you will respond to this  
letter by Return Mail and  
give me proper means of purchasing  
the Mill, at this coming sale,  
it may be in good time yet to  
do so - as I tell you it cannot  
bring \$5000 - at such a forced  
sale and no money here -

I have present possession of  
the Mill and if you will not  
buy it - I would ask of you, to  
loan me \$1000 - and I will get  
it running, and pay you out  
of the first clearing up, and  
divide equally with you all  
my profits afterwards, as long  
as I can retain the Mill; and

Howard the lawyer says, says  
he will let me have it if he  
gets it. The Tin Tin will pay  
\$75. to the tin Arastaw work, and  
it will cost about \$3. to work it.

The Pointer, adjoining to the Mill

54  
gives \$50. to the tin and would  
cost about the same to work -  
I should have liked very much  
if you had had the specimens  
of pulverized ore, <sup>assayed</sup> which  
I sent you; they were good representatives  
of the various lodes, taken  
from a large mass of pulverized  
rock - and they would have given  
you a knowledge that no one up  
to this time, has any correct idea  
of - that is the analysis and value  
of the ores - It is a most important  
moment for you to operate -

The purchase of the two Mills  
at the Pacific is they are willing  
to make, and adding additional  
stamps and furnishing Amalgam  
which none of them have, and  
the blot and Mats, etc. as requisite,  
the monthly yield of Gold  
by these Mills from the Mines  
I sent you, <sup>specimens of</sup> or any one of them  
would have been most satisfactory

6. Owning these Mills and having a Capital  
to properly adjust them, for the working  
of the pulp-mills, paper and so on, and  
in these upper regions, the monthly  
dividends would exceed anything  
as yet undertaken any where -  
A saw Mill could be worked by either  
of these engines in conjunction with  
the other working, and it would pay well,  
as a town would soon spring up  
adjacent to the Mills & Mines;  
as is the case at present, at the  
mine  
Kulture - there is already a Town  
called West Kulture,  
grown up there, and although  
distant from here 65 miles over the  
mountains, they send here to our  
Saw Mill for Lumber and pay \$1000-  
in gold for 1000 feet besides the expense  
of transportation - I would remark  
that the Currency of the Territory  
is Greenbacks, but prices are asked  
in gold coin. You write me you  
had just run over my numerous

7.  
letters carefully but would try and  
sift down my propositions - I do  
not know that I could explain them  
better than I have already done -

They were, that you and others in  
concert with you - furnish the  
necessary Capital for Mills &  
Mines and retain two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ )  
interest; I having no Capital to  
pay for any one third  $\frac{1}{3}$  interest  
by my first profits to be deducted  
by you to the amount necessary.

That I could buy any of these Mines  
on my own terms, by your paying  
to Mr French \$2000- to enable  
him to go East - ~~or~~ <sup>that</sup> he desired to  
take me in with him as a partner  
and would divide with <sup>me</sup> in equal  
shares all his large & various in-  
terests, in all Mines, water privi-  
leges, ranch, houses etc and  
give me full power to act as the  
business partner. I suggested  
to you that as \$2000- was but a <sup>small sum</sup> very





San Francisco Dec<sup>r</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> 1869.

George Hearst Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Dear Sir:

I have called at the Ad. office  
to have the honor of your acquaintance and to communicate with  
you on Mining business, but have been always unfortunate in not  
meeting you. I desire to propose to you to bring to San Francisco  
Ten (10) tons of Argentiferous Galena similar to the samples  
or specimens I have for you marked No. 1. I have had some  
of it tried at the H. Selby's smelting works and it produced  
Three hundred & fifty nine (359) ounces of silver and ten (10)  
per cent of lead per ton of two thousand (2000) pounds - The  
honey combed outside layer produced one hundred & seven (107)  
ounces of silver and ten (10) per cent lead - I would not propose  
to bring any of the latter - The expenses would be about one  
thousand dollars (not more) to bring this to San Francisco -  
Provisions of all kinds are very scarce and very high at this  
time in Prescott - The sum named invested here in Flour, Sugar,  
Coffee and Tea - would cover all expenses of pack animals  
up and down and leave a surplus - The produce of the  
ten (10) tons would be a clear gain - These specimens are of  
the outcroppings which are extensive and the ones some  
three feet in thickness. You can estimate the probable results.  
A clipper barque the Clara Belle will sail for the Rio Colorado this  
week probably - The specimens of Galena No. 2 - have produced  
variously from seventeen ounces (17) to one hundred & twenty



(62) ounces of silver and from sixty five (65) to seventy six  
(76) per cent of lead. There is fifteen hundred feet  
in the Argentifera mine, of which I own six hundred (600)  
feet - the other 1000 feet I could obtain at a low figure as the  
owner, like myself has nothing to work upon - The Galena  
mine varies in width from ten (10) to three (3) feet - I  
own four hundred (400) other parties twelve hundred (1200)  
feet - from this mine I sent to Mr Selby specimens  
from Prescott - I enclose his letter to me - which please  
retain for me. Mr John Peary Jr has very kindly <sup>permitted</sup>  
<sup>me</sup> to have a table in his office No 104 Liedersdorff St  
where I have many specimens of Arizona Ore -  
 Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Edward Barry.

Prescott - March 25 - 70

My dear Mr. Hewitt

Since I last wrote you I have spoken to a Mr. McAtier who was for 4 years exploring through the Turkey Creek Mining District, he knows the locality of the "Morning Star" and tells me to rely upon the statement of Mr. Bridges who gave me the sack of ore which I forwarded to Messrs. ~~Anderson~~ <sup>Thos</sup> Dempster & Co. but which was never received.

Mr. McAtier and others are about to go off some 40 miles on a fishing excursion, when they come back he promises me to go with me in company with another and take me to the Mine and bring back a sack of the ore, I will then be able to tell you all about it, till then I am confident it will prove to be what was represented.

The conduct of Myers and



Bowles towards you and me in this <sup>matter</sup>  
has been shamefully damnable —  
They were within half a mile,  
could see the high bolds on this  
Creek and yet would not go to it  
and report to you upon it —

But, I will tell you, from  
the time we had examined a  
certain ledge named the Richmond  
which Myers could not but have  
seen it was a very rich ledge, he  
kept aloof from me and from  
that time since has been acting  
altogether with Clifton — I think  
he will try through Clifton to  
get this or another ledge again  
and leave me out a cold —

There can be no other reason  
or cause for his thus leaving  
the Territory without examining  
the Mines you sent him to examine  
or visiting any Mining districts  
were Mines had been developed

Both Myers & Bowles have  
proved themselves since, <sup>then</sup> nothing  
but growlers and croakers  
and have seen nothing and  
know nothing about mines  
or mining in the Territory —

As I brought no money  
with me and as Mr Bowles told  
me he had but \$100 — to give me  
at San Pedro — I was obliged  
to borrow \$20 — at La Paz  
to get enough to pay my wagon  
or pack board fare to Prescott,  
leaving me 5 dollars for meals  
after I got there — I would beg  
of you to replenish me at least  
for the loan I made of the \$20 —

I feel as I before told you  
confident of success as to the  
"Morning Star" and I am sure

Myers & Bowles are at work  
or will work at what I named  
to you, for they took from

my sack wherein I had carefully  
put the specimens of ours along  
Turkey Creek - those of the rich  
mine I name <sup>others</sup> - certainly for  
an object - The mine is owned  
by those from whom I could  
obtain it at a low figure  
as all other mines - But  
the conduct of these men to  
you and to me is unexcusable

For what have they come here?  
And for what have I come  
at your expense?

Have they accomplished  
what you sent them to accomplish  
not at all - unless they think  
you will be better pleased with  
something they may think better

But I doubt it

Very sincerely yours  
Edward Garry

Prescott. March 25-70-

My dear Mr. Hunt -

I thought I  
could have written to you - Veni, Vidi, Vici  
I come, I saw, I conquered. But 'tis not  
I come, have seen nothing, and have  
conquered by King Snow - Since I last  
wrote to you we started off again on  
foot for Turkey Creek accompanied  
by Mr. Clifton whom I induced to go  
with us by holding out that if his mine  
the "Capital" was tempting it would  
probably find a purchaser at the price  
agreed upon, \$500 - for 900 feet being his  
claim of 600 feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of discovery  
claim - We reached his mine after having  
been weather bound for one day and night  
by a rain and snow storm - We found  
his mine like others we had seen on our  
way entirely deserted, no pick nor  
spade having been used there -

Mr Taylor who had been once  
to the "Morning Star" lode, then



mine in question, described it as being  
on the Creek as was the "Capital" and  
the next adjoining East distant  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile  
running parallel <sup>to it</sup> with high boulders  
extending a long distance and that I  
could <sup>not</sup> get by it without knowing it -

We reached the "Capital" at about  
noon, overfatigued; we should have  
been mounted, but I had no money and  
no horse, Mr Clifton was mounted -

The parties concluded they would  
go no farther, that it was a damned  
wild goose chase and all damned  
reason to go hunt a claim - and  
go they would it - The high boulders  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile distant East on either side  
of the Creek were distinct & visible  
and I knew that was where our  
mine lay imbedded - Well we have  
got back through pretty deep snow  
on the Summit hills and I certainly  
am not satisfied with the conduct  
of the several parties -

My companions have listened too  
much to drosses and foolish croakings  
and believed all was told them -

They will leave on their return to ~~mine~~  
not having visited a single gold or  
silver mine worth looking at -

But I think improper as they are  
they might as well go - for I do not  
think they would be willing to go  
out of Prescott again except to get  
back to San Francisco -

We unfortunately discovered tracks  
of some Indians near Turkey Creek  
who must have seen us and had just  
turned off the road, for they had  
just piped there - This was enough -

I think nothing would induce my  
companions to go back -

I shall of course remain and when the  
snow melts away will return and  
correctly inform you of the mine  
and of its true profitable worth  
if such be the certainty and

I can do much better without  
Mr Meyer who is no doubt a very  
excellent a frayer - but not I think  
a better judge of rock than others  
I could name, nor so good -

Mr Bowler is no doubt good at  
plain mining - but <sup>not</sup> but little  
of that in this region -

I am left here without money  
and owing ten or by dollars I borrowed  
at La Paz to pay my wagon fare  
up here - I will try and get along  
as best I can until I have  
visited the mine and let you  
know all about - I am sure  
& confident it will prove just  
as represented to me and as I  
represented to you - Please  
write me a line on receipt of  
this - Yours respectfully  
Edward Barry



3:26

MINES - ARIZONA

PRESCOTT MINING DISTRICT

172/204  
c

San Francisco

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1868

Mr Edward Cary

Prescott, Ariz.

Dear Sir

Yours of June 30<sup>th</sup>

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it, if it will assay as above  
to be delivered in San Francisco  
the expenses <sup>of freight or</sup> will follow the ore and  
we would pay them here & deduct  
Yours truly, Jas. H. Selby



Hascamp 28 miles from Prescott  
Arizona Territory

George Hearst - Esq<sup>r</sup>

My Dear Sir

I suppose you heard of my departure from Austin, I held out there until I saw that by remaining there would be of no benefit to me or my creditors. Before I left I decided to you by Cayamayo the Quartz & saw mill which I hope will bring you out without loss. I have as yet done nothing of consequence. I shall leave here in a few days to prospect a region of country not yet known to prospectors. As soon as I can get ten men I shall start. I think there is any amount of placer diggings in this country when they prospect right.

My great aim now is to get out of debt as soon as possible. I should have in California and Nevada property enough to more than pay my debts but it seems that those that owe me never think of paying and my mines and other property seems to be valueless. I you should not get even on ~~my~~ the property I decided to you I shall work until I can pay the balance. This is the finest climate in the world I have never seen a sick man in the country. You can raise anything you may plant Corn wheat barley Cotton sugar cane Tobacco and all kinds of vegetables of the finest kind. The Indians are bad but if the gold mines prove good the



California miners, will clean them out in short  
order. The military forces do but little good

If you will please write me direct your letters  
to Prescott Arizona Territory Please remember me  
to Cozomayo, Tell him there are more rich  
gold bearing quartz ledges here than I have  
ever seen before

Yours Truly

A. A. Smith



3:27 MINES-ARIZONA

SAN FRANCISCO MINING-DISTRICT  
MOHAVE COUNTY

1865

KNICKERBOCKER  
NEW CALEDONIA

72/204  
c





Territory of Arizona }  
County of Mohave }

On this the Fourth day  
of September A.D. Eight hundred & Sixty five  
personally appeared before me ~~Robert A~~  
~~Rose~~ Ira D. Woodworth County Recorder  
duly commissioned & sworn, the within  
named M. H. Rose, whose name is  
subscribed to the annexed instrument as  
party thereto personally known to me  
to be the individual described in  
and who executed the said annexed  
instrument & he acknowledged to me  
that he executed the same freely  
& voluntarily & for the uses and  
purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & affixed my official  
seal the day and year first  
certificates first above written.

Before me Ira D. Woodworth  
County Recorder  
By Wm. Walter, Deputy





Territory of Arizona  
County of Mohave

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Abstract of Title to the "Knickerbocker"  
Lode "Original Location". Located June 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Location

Dwight-Overlett 200 feet-

A. Tame 200 "

J. Vernon 200 "

G. Nicholson 200 "

R. A. Rose 400 "

Total 1200 feet-

Location regular and in accordance with the  
Laws of the San Francisco Mining District, Arizona  
Territory in which the same is located.

Transfers

Alfred Tame } Deed

To } conveys Two hundred feet in above

R. A. Rose } claim to grantee named. Date

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Joseph Vernon } Deed

To } conveys Two hundred feet in

R. A. Rose } above claim to grantee named.

Date May 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

R. A. Rose } Deed

To } conveys One hundred feet in above

R. Harvey } claim to grantee named.

Date August 1<sup>st</sup> 1863



R. A. Rose } Deed  
 To }  
 A. E. Davis } Conveys fifty feet in above claim to  
 } granted named. Date July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863.

R. A. Rose } Deed  
 To }  
 John Stark } Conveys fifty feet in above claim  
 } to grantee named. Date Dec 28<sup>th</sup>  
 } 1863.

Recapitulation

As per Record this claim is now represented as follows to wit:

R. A. Rose	600	feet-
Dwight-Overlett	200	" "
G. Nicholson	200	" "
John Stark	50	" "
A. E. Davis	50	" "
R. Garvey	110	" "
Total		1210 feet

I C. W. C. Rowell Recorder of the San Francisco Mining District Arizona Territory hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct abstract of the "Knickerbocker Lode" "Original Location" District and Territory aforesaid and that the Recapitulation herein shows the correct ownership of the claim as appears by the Records of my Office.

I further certify the propriety of said location to be perfect in the foregoing senses according to the laws of this District,

San Francisco District  
 Arizona Territory  
 August 24<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 C. W. C. Rowell  
 Recorder  
 San Francisco Mining District Arizona Territory

Territory of Arizona }  
 County of Mohave } ss. I Ira D. Ward-

worth County Recorder of Mohave County Arizona Territory do hereby certify that C. W. C. Rowell is and has been since the first day of March 1865 the District recorder for San Francisco Mining District County and Territory aforesaid.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my official seal of office this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1865



Ira D. Wardworth  
 County Recorder  
 By Wm. Walter, Deputy



Power to sell & convey Fifty feet in the  
Knickelbocker Lead.

Know all men by these presents, that, I, Dr. John Stark, of Fort Mohave, Mohave County, in the Territory of Arizona, have made, constituted, and appointed, & by these presents, do make, constitute, and appoint, George Hearst, of the City & County of San Francisco, and in the State of California, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name & place, and instead, to enter into, and take possession of, that certain portion of mineral lands, belonging to me, and described as follows: An undivided Fifty feet (50 feet) in the Lead or Lode, known and recorded as the "Knickelbocker" original Location, situate in the San Francisco Mining District, in the County of Mohave, and Territory of Arizona, and to bargain, sell, grant, convey and confirm the whole, or any part thereof, for such price, or sum of money, or on such terms as he may think best, and for me, and in my name, to make, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, unto the purchaser or purchasers thereof, good and sufficient conveyances, with warranty of the same; and to demand, receive, and collect, all sums of money which shall become due and payable to me by reason of such sale or sales; giving and granting, unto my said Attorney, full power and authority, to do, and perform all and every act, and thing whatsoever, requisite and necessary, to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as I might, or could do, if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying, and confirming, all that my said attorney, or his substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done, by virtue hereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this the first day of September one thousand eight hundred & sixty five years A.D.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in the presence of  
Robert A. Rose

John Stark



Power to Sell & convey  
Fifty feet in the  
"Knickelbocker Lead"

Dr. John Stark

George Hearst





Territory of Arizona,  
County of Mohave.

On this the fourth day of September A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty five, personally appeared the within named Doctor John Starke, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument, as party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the said annexed Instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Before me:  
Ira D. Woodworth  
County Recorder  
By Wm. Waller  
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Mineral Park  
Mohave County Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1871  
Gen Hurst esq  
Dr Sir

In a conversation with Uncle John Atchison, I learned that you were or had been connected with him in some mining operations, he has been looking at some of our locations, and seems to think well of them. I was among the first to come into the district and have some of the good things of the place. I have many locations and I think some of them very good. I have an interest in a small mine that I think we shall realize ready money as we have a small fire stamp mill ready to start on some of the Rock we sent a small lot to San Francisco which worked \$4,945.2. This is supposed to be the biggest thing in the way of mining in the United States our district is eighteen miles long by five wide and the whole plain is full of ledges, but



Uncle John will tell you more  
of the Counts, than I can write but  
he has hardly been long enough with  
us to see more than one tenth of  
the mines.

We have had all of the Rail  
road engineers with us and they  
left expressing themselves very much  
pleased. They expected to have a distance  
of some four or five hundred miles  
of an desert to pass over where they  
could get no business but now they  
say they will be able to report that  
the mines alone will justify the building  
of the road, and they tell me that grading  
will be commenced by March getting them  
supplies up the river. I will not tell  
you of our facilities as much John  
can tell you better than I could write.

I should like to see you old fellow  
I have been in this country for several  
years but the Indians would not let  
us get in but now we are safe as the  
plague is going very rapidly. I have  
been on the River Steam Boating here  
made some money, and am not at all  
lucky now.

I think I never saw a place

whose money could be better invested  
for I feel sure that the thirty fifth  
parallel road will be built within the  
next two years.

Uncle John desires that I should  
hold on to some of my locations until  
his return I will do so and  
if you ever take such trips I  
think you will find one of the  
best winter climates you ever saw.

I Remain Yours Most Respectfully

L C Wellborn

P.S. Where and how is Jo Clark  
getting along

L C W



There can be no doubt but that we  
will have a sail boat here as the 38<sup>th</sup>  
boat runs within seven miles of us  
I expect you are tired so I will

stop  
Yours most Respectfully

L. C. Wellbourn

Mineral Park July 13<sup>th</sup> 1872  
Geo. Husst esq

Dear George

I wrote you  
last summer by Mr John Atchison but  
did not hear of it which I attributed to his  
death. Now if you are not already  
acquainted with his brother J. M. Atchison  
the bearer let me introduce you Mr Atchison  
was one of the first settlers among us and  
has some of the best interests here.

Since I saw you I have been the  
most of the time on the Colorado river  
steambating and boating in all kinds of  
ways part of the time I was Gulf pilot  
for Holliday & Benham's Steamers and in  
the interim put my time in fishing  
you may recollect our fishing on the American  
River the only draw back I had here was  
a market as two tons of dried fish stocked  
the market.

I then turned my attention  
to mining which I had been watching  
all the time in this country but the Indian  
red skins have such a hankering for  
a white mans hair that it was not safe  
until about eighteen months since when



with six or eight others I come out here and have been ever since. The old Sheriff resigning I received the appointment of this office and will run for it. This fall I think probably, times will not be down but should they I will be as ever with the old line democracy.

Enough of this. What I want is to get you out here to take a look at some of our mines. When Mr Atchison<sup>Wm</sup> went in after paying some of my mines desired that I should hold on to them as he hoped to get you to visit them. I have let contracts on three of them to develop and the one that I have down thirty feet exceeds my expectation it is the Bobtail. I had thought if I could sufficiently interest some mining man of notariety to take hold of them and incorporate them there could be something done. The ore in the dump of the Bobtail will pay for the sinking of the shaft and I think it will with the others, men go to work in a day or two Mr Atchison will give you a description of them, and I am sure that a company could be formed that would very soon be able to declare a dividend. I am interested in a mine that we have opened some

and have taken about ten thousand dollars. (The Lone Star) with the imperfect mill that we have here, it is a fine stamp wet crusher. They save all the way from 35 to 60% of the metal, and are sunny in small lots of from one to ten tons they are kept busy one lot of 5200<sup>th</sup> of ore yielding \$2130.<sup>00</sup> (Scratch) We have two furnaces here but both of them have been leaning under the same difficulty, which is the want of means. But I am pleased to hear that they both have made arrangements to get the fuel and we may expect soon to see the Bullum rolling out Mr Elder at Cerbit has run out about four tons of Bullum and shipped it.

Should you conclude to come out here the quickest and surest way would be to take the cars and come to Masalia and I think by the time you get ready Mr Thoms will have here of stays from the terminus of the rail road. Mr Hooley went from here in four weeks and made the trip through in seven days.

I hope to see you out here as I think this is the best field for mining operations on the continent of America. So say all old miners and experts, and I



San Francisco, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Richard Garvey, Esq<sup>r</sup>,

San Francisco.

Dear Sir,

At your request I visited in the month of April last the property of the "Michigan" Mining Company situated in the San Francisco district, Arizona Territory.

At the time I visited the mine but little work had been done upon the vein owing to the want of capital of the proprietors, but from what I am able to learn the ore which has been hitherto extracted has paid them remarkably well and the specimen which I submit herewith is certainly very rich in both sulphuret of silver and gold. I had no opportunity of making any assays of the ore myself but I have no reason to doubt the correctness of the statements which were made to me.

The vein has a nearly north & south direction; it is about 2 1/2 feet <sup>wide</sup> on an average in those places where it has been exposed to view; the quartz is soft and will submit itself to a ready amalgamation, much of it is now associated with small quantities of the black oxide of manganese & in this respect resembles very much <sup>that which was taken from</sup> the quartz famous "Oregon" mine in the Reese River district. I regard all these surface indications as

extremely favourable and speaking well for the future prospects of the mine. In fact, I can say that I was more strongly impressed with the good conditions found associated with this vein than with those of any other which I examined in that district.

I remain very respectfully yrs,  
W. W. H. Burner.



Fort Mohave Arizona Territory

5. September 1865

George Hearst Esq.

San Francisco

Calo. Sir-

At the solicitation of my friend Mr. Robert H. Kerr. I herewith transmit you full power to sell & convey my interest of Fifty feet in the "Knickerbocker Lode", or on such terms as you may think best.

Should you succeed in disposing of the Mine, you will please deposit my proportion of the Money in the Bank of California and at the same time notify me of the fact.

By this mail I have suggested to Mr. A. E. Davis to clothe you with full authority to sell his interest.

I am of the opinion he will furnish you the necessary papers without delay.



If I had the faintest hope  
that the "Caledonia" Lode could  
be sold from \$5 to \$6 per  
foot I would furnish a friend  
of mine, ~~who~~ in San Francisco,  
who has an interest in it, with  
full power to sell & convey  
my interest which comprises  
six hundred & fifty feet.

Mr. Ashburner of San Francisco, an  
eminent geologist, during his visit  
to this mineral region at my  
request, examined the "Caledonia"  
& expressed himself that the prospects  
were of a highly satisfactory  
character. He has promised  
to forward me his certified report.

I am given to understand  
that Professor Gillman's reports  
favorably on the Caledonia

Very respectfully  
Yours most ob. servant  
John Stark

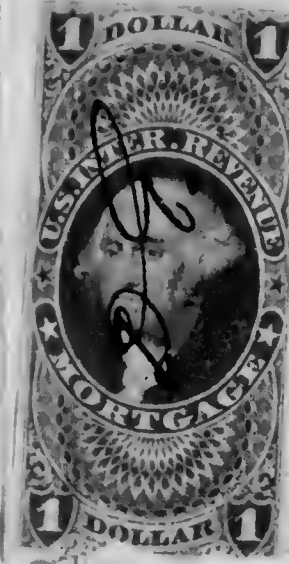
Address.

Dr. John Stark  
Post. Surgeon  
Fort Mojave  
Arizona Territory  
via Wilmington  
Cal.



**Know all Men by these Presents:**

**THAT** I *Dwight Evelett* of the  
*City & County of San Francisco*  
*State of California*



have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint

*Robert A. Rose* of the  
*San Francisco District Arizona Territory,*

*My* true and lawful Attorney.....for.....and in.....*my* name, place and stead,  
and for.....*my* use and benefit, to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive all sums of money,  
debts and demands whatsoever, which are now due and owing, or which shall hereafter become due,  
owing or demandable to.....*me*.....and have, use and take all lawful ways and means in.....*my*.....  
name or otherwise for the recovery thereof, by attachments, arrests, distress or otherwise, and to com-  
promise and agree for the same, and acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the same, for  
*me*.....and in.....*my*.....name to make, seal and deliver, to receive legacies and bequests, to collect  
rents, interests, dividends or annuities due or to grow due, to bargain, contract, agree for, purchase,  
receive and take lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and accept the seisin and possession of all lands,  
and all deeds and other assurances in the law therefor, and to lease, let, demise, bargain, sell, remise,  
release, convey, mortgage and hypothecate lands, tenements and hereditaments, upon such terms and  
conditions, and under such covenants as.....*he*.....shall think fit. Also, to bargain and agree for,  
buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate and in any and every way and manner, deal in and with goods,  
wares and merchandise, choses in action, and other property in possession or in action, and to make,  
do and transact all and every kind of business of what nature or kind soever, and also for.....*me*.....  
and in.....*my*.....name and as.....*my*.....act and deed, to sign, seal, execute, deliver and acknowledge  
such deeds, covenants, indentures, agreements, mortgages, hypothecations, bottomries, charter parties, bills of  
lading, bills, bonds, notes, receipts, evidences of debt, releases and satisfaction of mortgage, judgments  
and other debts, and other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature. And, other At-  
torneys, one or more, in.....*my*.....place and stead, or under.....*me*.....to make, constitute and appoint,  
and the same at.....*his*.....pleasure to annul, remove and revoke.

Giving and Granting unto.....*my*.....said Attorney full power and authority to do and per-  
form all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the  
premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as.....*he*.....might or could do if personally present, with  
full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that.....*my*.....said At-  
torney or.....*his*.....substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In Witness Whereof, *I* have hereunto set *my* hand  
and seal the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*, one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty four

Signed, Sealed and Delibered in the Presence of

*P. B. Leonard*

*Dwight Evelett*

**General Power of Attorney.**

*Dwight Evelett*

TO

*Robert A. Rose*

Dated *Oct 14* 1864

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*County Records*

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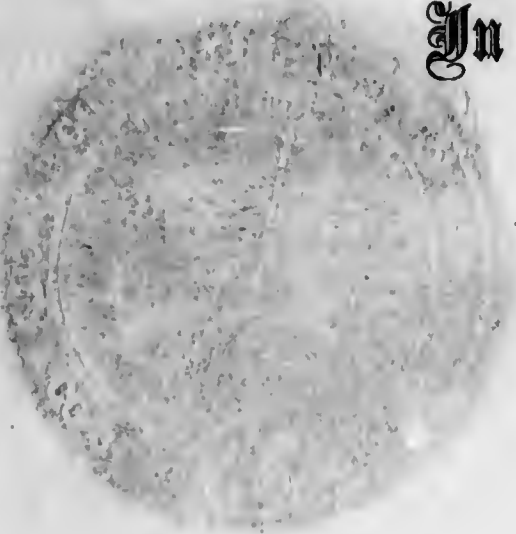
State of California,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. } ss.

On this *fourteenth* day  
of *October* A. D. *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three*,  
before me, P. B. CORNWALL, a Notary Public in and for said City and County, duly  
commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

*Dwight Eveleth*  
whose name *is* subscribed to the annexed Instrument, as *a* part *of* thereof, personally  
known to me to be the individual described in and who executed said Instrument, and  
*he* duly acknowledged to  
me that *he* executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes  
therein mentioned.

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Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

*P. B. Cornwall*  
Notary Public.





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MINES - ARIZONA

TURKEY CREEK QUARTZ MINING DISTRICT  
YAVAPAI COUNTY

1870

GEORGE M. BOWLES

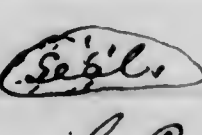
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Arizona Territory


Yavapai County

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1870.

For the consideration of the sum of (\$6000.00) six thousand dollars in gold coin. We the undersigned agree to give and to Geo. M. Bowler of nine hundred feet of mining ground in the Richmond Gold and Silver bearing quartz lode said Richmond lode is situated in the Turkey Creek Quartz Mining District in the above mentioned county and Territory, said nine hundred feet being located and in possession of the undersigned and in their names or may be proven by an examination of the records of mines in possession of the Recorder of Yavapai County, and at any time within sixty days from date of this instrument, the money to be paid to the undersigned. The undersigned agree to make the proper transfer and give possession of said mining ground after said sixty days have transpired this instrument is of no value.

Henry Clifton 

Charles Taylor L.S.

Ed. Peck 

By his Attorney H. Clifton

Arizona Territory

Yavapai County

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1870

Provided Geo. M. Bowler succeeds in bargaining our interests in the Richmond Mine for the sum of six thousand dollars, so soon as the same is paid to us we agree to give to him one thousand five hundred dollars of said \$6000.00, which is to be considered as a remuneration to him for doing said business.

Henry Clifton

Charles Taylor

Ed. Peck

By his Attorney H. Clifton



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MINES-ARIZONA

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Description of Mines of the Pinalon District Arizona  
owned by Harrison & Co

Mammoth - This vein is very large and well defined, and crops  
1200 feet - out the whole distance. Where the work has been done  
the mineral is three feet wide. Water near the mine sufficient  
for a furnace. Plenty of wood near the mine.

Hidden - A very fine vein of Galena Ore well defined and  
opened in two places at the vein. Showing over 21 feet of solid  
treasure ore with no waste. Containing seventy per cent lead and thirty  
1000 feet - Drift 37.00 doll. for ton in silver.

U. America - A small vein about six hundred feet below and shows a  
800 feet - body of ore 14 inches wide same character as Hidden Treasure  
increasing in width as you go down on the vein.

East Wind - A vein of Galena ore 12 inches wide, in the direction of  
1200 feet - the Hancock mine that assays well in gold & silver, &  
finely located for tunnelling in on the vein.

North Wind - This vein is traceable the whole distance and a shaft 15 feet  
1000 feet - has been sunk on the southerly line with a vein of mineral  
all the way and no evidence of the mineral giving out. In the  
North the ore is about 14 inches wide and very clean. This vein  
has Carbonates in the shaft.

Mineral - This location is on the Great Union vein south from the mouth  
1200 feet - of the Union shaft about two thousand feet. This mine had a  
shaft down 20 feet in a body of ore six feet thick. This vein crops  
for a mile. Wood and water at the mine.

East Chand - A vein of Galena Ore 12 inches wide clear from  
800 feet - quartz, and well located for drifting in on the  
vein.



Wattie  
1200 feet

A vein of Gold bearing Quartz, near the Fire Falls mine, looks well. The ore from the Fire Falls mine worked at Islanding yielded \$125 per ton. 1400 lbs was worked & no selected ore. Water within twenty rods of the mine

Morning Star  
1200 feet

This vein carries Gold, lead, & Silver, and is a vein that promises to be one of the best in the district, bearing a body of mineral 3 feet wide.

We propose to build one half of this property for \$15000 the money to be used in developing the mine and building them for the company. The other half to be used in building the mill for the mineral property of the company. Morrison Sec

These mines are in a Granite formation, with plenty of wood, water, and grass. The distance from Fort Collins 40 miles, thence from the Colorado river over a good wagon road 36 miles. The Colorado Steam Navigation Co. will freight for \$15 per ton to San Francisco from the river. The 35th Parallel Rail Road goes within six miles of the mines. The country is well adapted for Hydes Steam Road Wagon for freight, over 2 million to the river, the greater part of the distance being a down grade, and across a valley. The terminals of the narrow gauge road will be within 25 miles of the mines.

Mr. Belshaw of the "Cerro Gordo Mine" has examined the ore from the above mine and pronounced them good & with proper management in smelting them a large margin in favor of the owners. There is no snow to impede operations during the winter months, it scarcely falls over one inch at any one time. There is a military post at Bras's Springs - distance six miles from the mines.

Yours Respectfully  
Morrison & Co.  
per  
B. Morrison

Offer submitted for the purchase of all but 1/10 of two of the best Lodes in Macedonian District, one 1200 ft, one 1600 ft for \$2500.7 Gold. Spurs of the Magenta (No 1) secured by the controlling interest in Payute East, also the Bella Union Assays of Magenta and Payute from \$80.7 to above \$100.7 per ton, Magenta from 20 to 50 ft wide following a flat gulch, several spurs connecting Payute and Magenta Lodes, on which places very rich ore and extremely wide. Hundred of tons of ore ready to be dug from the cippings assaying, as above.

The other Lode of 1600 ft location runs South East, Northwest mostly covered with marble but shows long distance, none other near it, assays from \$100.7 to above \$400.7 per ton.

Companies to be incorporated, vendor to receive 1/10 the stock in latter Lode unassessable

On receiving payment of \$2000.7 down, will give his services till January 1st without any salary, only payment of expenses - as Superintendent, Assayer and Surveyor, will survey the ground, draw the plans, give full and complete report, and will put the purchasers in possession of such information in regard to facilities to be obtained as almost to monopolize the working of the District. Rest of the payment of \$2500.7 by January 1st on having completed the surveys and reports mentioned.





No other located lode within at least 3 or 400 feet  
 The Blue Ophir lode fully 600 feet <sup>probably much more</sup> North of it, no interference possible

N<sup>o</sup> 1

Excelsior, Shaft Rock 40 feet below Surface.  
 a sample assayed: 24.30 oz of Silver = \$31.59/100 per ton.  
 and traces of gold.

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N<sup>o</sup> 2 Excelsior, Discovery.

a sample assayed: 63.18 oz of Silver = \$82.13/100 per ton.  
 and traces of gold.

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N<sup>o</sup> 3, Rochester. (East of)

a sample assayed: 179.22 oz of Silver = \$233.46/100 per ton.  
 1.21 oz of Gold = 25 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>100</sub> " " " "  
\$258 <sup>47</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

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N<sup>o</sup> 4, John Jacob Astor.

a sample assayed: 330.48 of Silver = \$429 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per ton.  
 1.21 " Gold = " 25 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>100</sub> " " " "  
 Total Value \$454 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per ton

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## The Wauba-Yuma Mining Co.

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THE Territory of Arizona has within a very short time risen to notice as one of the richest, if not the richest mining region of the continent. Its immense mineral resources, taken in combination with the great natural facilities for reaching its mines, and the fine healthy climate of the country, are fast attracting the attention of capital to that region, which is soon destined to take rank among the first mining localities of the United States. The wealth of this Territory has been known for some years, but other regions having attracted more public attention, capital has thus far been wanting to develop these valuable resources.

The property of this Company is most favorably located near navigation on the Colorado River, in a healthy region, with every facility at hand for the most extensive mining operations. Large water-power and timber in abundance for building and mining purposes.

Captain John Moss, who for seventeen years has lived on the Pacific coast, and who has examined carefully all the mining regions from the Columbia River to Sonora, pronounces this region as surpassing, in richness and facilities for working, any location he has visited.

His practical knowledge has enabled him to select with care and judgment the property which now forms the basis of the Company, and which beyond question cannot be surpassed in any of the great mining regions of the world.

The *gold* and *silver* bearing lodes are not only well defined,

ability to attend to that portion of the Company's operations which he will have charge of.

Taken altogether, it is fairly considered that this Company possesses the material guarantees of success, for its properties are valuable beyond question.

Annexed is a list of the properties of the Company in detail. The shipment of ore from the "Pride of the Pines" can be made at a low cost to Europe, San Francisco and New-York, and paying ore can be obtained at once from this lode. The per centage of copper is large, and the ore yields besides from \$80 to \$180 of gold and silver per ton. This ledge was seen by Professor Silliman, in his late visit to Arizona, and he pronounced it a most valuable one. The combination of properties thus formed is indeed a rare one.

The titles are all perfect, and free from encumbrances. Within four months from the commencement of mining operations, the Company will be receiving returns. It is proposed to use the best machinery known for the working of ores, and the business in Arizona will be managed by a competent and reliable agent.

The most experienced mining men who have visited this region of Arizona, predict for it a future reputation and success beyond even what has occurred at Washoe; and all that is needed is capital and energy to bring this rich district into public notice, and place it in the first rank of successful mining communities.

The first step taken will be to develop two or three of the principal lodes, such as the "Pride of Pines," "Rubicon" and "Florence," either of which will be sufficient for the largest mining operations.

The remainder of this valuable property will be disposed of readily at good prices, as soon as the developments of the district establish the high character of its lodes, of which there is not any question in the minds of all the practical mining men who have visited the Wauba-Yuma District.

From the position of most of these lodes, short tunnels of from 100 to 250 feet in length can be run at a low cost of



## LODE CLAIMS.

El Bonito, .....	2,600 feet.	15 to 20 feet wide.
Howard, .....	2,800 "	20 " "
McAnney, .....	2,800 "	15 to 20 " "
Monongahela, .....	2,200 "	15 " "
Favorita, .....	2,800 "	12 " "
Metropolitan, .....	3,200 "	10 to 12 " "
Wm. M. Lent, .....	2,800 "	35 " "
Alleghany, .....	2,400 "	10 " "
Mountain Lily, .....	2,800 "	15 " "
Knickerbocker, .....	2,600 "	8 " "
Florence, .....	2,600 "	54 to 60 " "
Rubicon, .....	3,000 "	30 " "
Mammoth, .....	2,400 "	15 " "
Oregon, .....	2,200 "	8 " "
McClellan, .....	1,200 "	15 " "
Pride of the Pines, .....	2,600 "	20 to 30 " "

This latter carries about 12 to 20 per cent. of copper, with a large per centage of gold and silver.

[Letter from Hon. Chas. D. Poston, Delegate from Arizona.]

NEW-YORK, April 8th, 1865.

J. EUGENE FLANDIN, Esq.:

Dear Sir,—In reply to your questions relating to Arizona, and more particularly to the Wauba-Yuma mining district, I will state:

1st. The Colorado River is navigable all the year round to Hardyville, and steamboats ply regularly between that point and the mouth of the river, a distance of about 450 miles; during certain months of the year they can ascend about 100 miles further.

2d. Facilities for transportation from San Francisco to Hardyville are constant, and freight can be landed at the latter place in about thirty days from San Francisco, at a cost of about 2½ cents per pound. The stores at Hardyville are generally well supplied with all the necessaries for a mining region, and at very reasonable prices.

*New-York, April 8, 1865.*

J. EUGENE FLANDIN, Esq. :

Dear Sir :—In reply to your questions regarding the best and most expeditious method of developing the property of the Wauba-Yuma Mining Company, I will state :

The first work should be done on the "Pride of the Pines;" there I would run a tunnel about five feet wide, on the lode, which is over twenty-five feet in width. In doing this, I would be able to get paying ores from the start. The expense of running this tunnel would not exceed \$15 per foot, and all the while the ore extracted could be accumulated for shipment or for reduction. As I would work it on the richest strata of the lode, there is no doubt I could obtain ores that would average from \$150 to \$200 per ton, in copper, gold and silver. I should run this tunnel a distance of 100 feet, and then would be in a condition to get out from 50 to 75 tons per day. By the common process used by the Mexicans, this ore could be reduced so as to increase its value 100 per cent. while diminishing its bulk, and this at a cost of about \$10 to \$15 per ton. Thus prepared for shipment, the ore can be shipped from this mine to San Francisco for about \$50 per ton. To bring this mine into the condition to take out the quantity specified daily, would require from three to four months' time, and would cost, all told, about \$8,000. It is understood that small shipments of ore could be made from time to time while the work is going on. When the mine is thus prepared for the work, the cost per ton will not exceed \$5. At the same time that this work is progressing I should open on the Florence and the Rubicon lodes. To strike the Florence at a depth of sixty to seventy feet will require a short tunnel of about fifty feet, which, with the thickness of the ledge, will be over 100 feet; this being done, I should be in a position to extract from forty to fifty tons per day—of course there would be a great deal of selection in this ore. I should then sink a shaft of sixty to seventy feet upon the richest portion of the lode, which would give a large additional yield of good ore. This work would fully develop and prove the Florence lode, and would cost from \$6,000 to \$7,000. I would, while this is going on, sink a shaft on the Rubicon, at the lowest point of the ledge, to a depth of about seventy-five feet, on the richest portion of the lode. This shaft, in my opinion, would produce the very richest kind of ore. This work will cost about \$3,000. Thus, with an out-



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Mines - IDAHO & OREGON

Business GROUP

1866 -

JOHN W. GASHWILER  
WILLIAM M. LENT  
SOLOMON HEYDENFELDT  
DAVID T. BAGLEY  
STEPHEN T. KING  
EDWARD B. HOLMES  
WILLIAM H. GODFREY  
GEORGE B. McAVERY  
ANVIL INNES

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Know all men by these presents  
That we Joseph Clark, John W  
Gaskwiler, William M Lent, Solo-  
mon Heydenfeldt, David T Bagley,  
Stephen T King, Edward B Holmes  
William H. Godfrey, George B Mc  
Anemy, Amiel James,

Each of us for himself  
have made and by these presents  
do make, constitute and appoint  
George Hearst our and each of  
our true and lawful Attorney  
for each of us and in each  
name, place and stead to locate  
any mining claims or ledges in  
Oregon or Idaho; to employ the  
necessary labor upon any locations  
to make the same good value;  
to sell, bargain, grant, convey  
or mortgage the whole or any part  
thereof on such terms as he may  
think best, and for each of us  
to make, execute, acknowledge  
and deliver all necessary  
deeds of every kind; and to do  
every and all things which may  
be necessary and proper to secure  
and perfect the title to any lo-  
cations of mines which he may



make for each or either of us severally or jointly.

Giving and granting unto our said attorney full power to do and perform every thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as either and each of us might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any said attorney or his substitute shall do by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this eighteenth day of May A.D. 1866.

J. Heydenfeldt

David S. Bagley

Annie James

Mr. W. W. W. W.

John Clark

J. K. King

J. H. H. H.

W. W. W. W.

W. W. W. W.

J. H. H. H.

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United States of America

State of California

City and County of San Francisco } ss:

J. J. Thibault, a Commissioner

for the State of Oregon and for the Territory of Idaho, duly commissioned by the Executive Authorities and qualified under and by virtue of the laws thereof, to take the acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in writing, to be used or recorded in said State of Oregon or Territory of Idaho, residing in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California do certify that on the eighteenth day of May, A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, before me personally appeared Solomon Haydenfeldt, David J. Bagley, Wm. M. Lent, Joseph Clark, S. J. King and E. B. Holmes, and on this nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1866 before me personally appeared Anvil James, G. B. McCreary, Wm. H. Godfrey and J. W. Gashwiler, ~~said Solomon~~

all of the said parties being to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing Power of Attorney. And they the said Solomon Haydenfeldt David J. Bagley, Wm. M. Lent, Joseph Clark, S. J. King, E. B. Holmes, Anvil James, G. B. McCreary, Wm. H. Godfrey and ~~Solomon~~ J. W. Gashwiler severally acknowledged to me that they executed the said Instrument freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seals as such Commissioner at my office in the City and County of San Francisco State of California on this nineteenth day of May, A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, 1866.

J. J. Thibault  
Commissioner for Idaho and  
Oregon, in California.



Dated May 18<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Power of Attorney

Joseph Clark,  
and others.

To

George Hearst.

Witness my hand  
at New York  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1866  
J. C. Clark

3:31

MINES - IDAHO

W.M. PEARLMAN  
SILVER CITY

1868-1876

SILVER CITY, IDAHO

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and good profits.

I shall be prepared to  
meet your debt when it  
reaches me, Accept  
my heartiest thanks and  
be assured Mr Hearst  
that I honor your name  
as well as my own to get  
into trouble

With many good wishes  
and respect I am your  
true friend

L. A. Pearlman

Silver City Dec 17/68

George Hearst Esq.

Honored Friend

I am in receipt of your  
kind favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.  
and am fully sorry to  
have caused you more  
trouble on my acct.  
The idea is this, the party  
whom I gave the debt to, went  
to Oregon, and I owed  
him the acct, which I  
could not raise here  
as it was money and  
some articles of goods  
I needed for my trade  
I promised to pay as soon

he would want to leave  
As far as the business is  
concerned Mr Hearsh  
you need not fear  
as I am conducting it  
with all care and good  
management, and am  
really doing well. But  
times being so hard  
here for money, that  
I did not succeed in  
making my collections  
in time, as I have to  
credit some and to  
good parties only. But  
by the beginning of next  
month the mill will pay  
off and then will be  
money in circulation  
and I shall fully collect  
my accounts and be

to meet all my engage-  
ments. As it was being  
short at present, I  
bought some of the  
factory goods and other  
goods ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> my own  
credit on 60 days  
over a 100, and I paid  
it time. Do not be  
uneasy about our  
dear Mr Hearsh if I  
do be embarrassed for  
a while, it will happen  
to merchants who have  
a large Capital to work  
upon, but I will pull  
out all nice and honest  
without any trouble to  
any, you or Daskovler  
I am selling on average  
about \$150 daily in Cash sales



Salt Lake City May 11, 1871

George Hearst Esq.

Very dear Sir,

I take the liberty to write to you  
informing you of my arrival  
here. It is my intention  
to start business here, very  
soon, as this place is the  
most favorable place for  
business at present. I hope  
to succeed in buying my  
stock here, at a less figure  
than in St. H., and in course  
of 4 or 6 weeks there will be  
many traveling agents from  
Chicago to St. Louis, who will  
be willing to sell goods to  
merchants here on favorable

times, and I never have seen  
a better chance for business  
anywhere than here at present.  
The reports of the different  
mining Camps are encouraging  
although as yet undeveloped  
except East Canon where  
a 15 stamp mill will be  
erected in 4 or 6 weeks.

Now Mr Hearst, I have  
a great favor to ask you  
and will be a fortune to me  
if you grant it, and also  
the means to make money  
to pay off my debt to you and  
Haskins in full.

Will you be so kind to con-  
sider my proposition.

If you will give me authority  
by writing to draw on you  
for \$1000<sup>00</sup> Dallas in Gold  
from time to time, as I may  
need it for the opening of my

business. I can get the money  
here from any Banker on  
my A/c upon you, you will  
thereby enable me to establish  
a credit here, by doing so  
and you will see Mr Hearst  
that in Six months I shall  
be high up, with the aid of  
my acquaintance here, and  
the establishing of credit in  
the East. I am very much  
in favor of this country and  
feel assured that I can  
accomplish my heartiest  
aim to accumulate money  
in order to pay you my debt.  
Consider dear Sir, it is  
asking much I know,  
after what you have done  
for me but I am so certain  
of making money here that  
I am forced to ask your  
kind generosity again.



whereby it will set me up,  
as a man again, I am willing  
after the receipt of your  
kind letter authorizing me  
to draw on you for the \$1000,  
to have my life insured  
in your favor for \$5000  
and send the policy to you,  
and as I go a long in the  
business to have my life  
insured in your favor &  
Godwits, or your heirs  
for the full amount I owe  
you, as you will surely  
then never lose it, in case  
of my death, everything  
will be right. Now dear  
Mr Hearst you have been  
my friend more than any  
body to me in my life  
Grant me this favor and  
you shall see, with your & God's

I  
And you will make a man  
of me, I have been so bold  
to draw on you for \$100<sup>th</sup>  
favor Mr. Freeman Lee  
asks one day light in order  
to make arrangements for  
a store, you will not refuse  
paying Mr. Hearst as by so  
doing I may establish some  
standing even here in case  
of the want of Lord God's name  
in a while I have no other friend  
in the world who would do so  
much for me as you have  
Mr Hearst, but I feel refused  
with new hopes and life  
for the future, grant me  
that favor kind friend  
I am not the man to despond  
and give up the trust in God  
and in my own abilities to

make money again,  
Give me one more chance  
and God will reward you  
with the success upon me  
to liquidate my debt to you  
I am with the assurance  
of your granting my favor  
your very best wishing  
friend  
L. M. Parلمان



San Francisco July 22 1871

George Hart Esq

Dear Sir,

Should this reach you, will you please take the trouble and go to look at a mine I am interested in, I also write to one Mr Poljanek who is also a share holder to look for you and induce you to visit the ground as I think it is good ground, I took some ore down here with me. It is located in American Fork District, only about 4 miles from Little Cottonwood

and the mine is on the same  
lump with the Miller mine  
which was sold for \$187,000<sup>00</sup>  
& Eastern parties.

Respectfully yours

J. M. Peckham

The name of the mine  
is O.K.





**GRAND HOUSE**  
NE COR. 9 & CHESTNUT STREETS.  
**C. McKIBBIN & SON.**  
PROPRIETORS.

Philadelphia October 30 1876

George Hearst, Esq.

Dear Friend!

I am here about 12 days and during the time I have been interesting some Gentlemen into a scheme regarding the Keystone mine. They of course want to know more than my own statement, consequently have written to Ed. Hall, James R. Keene, and also to Chs. Fish, President of the Cons Virginia, they will also write to James G. Fair. Now Mr Hearst with Chs. Fish, and Mr Fair you are well acquainted, and I stated to the Party here nothing but facts. Should any of the Gentlemen refer to you you will please state that you were on the ground with me, and consider it a valuable mining property, from the very fact, it being on the Cons stock and an old 59 location. Should I get the scheme through, it will be on a basis, to subscribe \$100,000<sup>th</sup> working Capital



and a great amount to myself and the  
Balance in Fict of the Company,  
and giving me the charge of the mine  
at a salary to superintend it.

These Gentlemen here are Brokers and  
Barristers, and first class men.

You can help me in giving your  
good opinion and views to enable  
to enable me to make some money  
as the scheme is perfectly legitimate  
and proper. It depends entirely  
upon the report. They have also written  
to Ph. Deidesheimer, in case he asks  
you of the mine, you will speak  
favorable, as I told them your opinion  
on mines is worth more than all others.

It will take me about 30 days to  
finish it up, and will return to charge  
of the mine at once, as they are ready  
to put up the money.

Wishing you well I am yours truly  
and Respectfully,

S. M. Pearlman

Please do not  
mention this business  
to outsiders P.





No 411 California Street  
San Francisco Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1869

to  
Mr. George Hearst  
present

Dear Sir } We have been requested  
by Messrs L & C Wertheimer to request the  
immediate payment from you of Five hundred  
and Fifty (\$550<sup>00</sup>) U.S. Gold coin, the amount  
of your guarantee for goods sold thereon to Mr  
L. M. Pearlman of Silver City Idaho, the  
said sum must be paid to us, before 3 O'Clock  
P.M. tomorrow the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1869, to prevent  
proceedings being commenced for the recovery  
thereof

Respectfully Yours  
Wm. King Naphataly & Munnam  
Jony

3:32

MINES - IDAHO

SILVER CITY

1867-1869

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Idaho Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Friend Frank  
You favor Nov 5<sup>th</sup> recd  
yesterday. I learn that you arrived in  
Croyker last Monday do not return  
to San Francisco under any circumstances  
without coming here, you are so near  
us I feel that I must see you before you  
return. The Gold in the "Pomona" is not all  
"free gold" and only a small portion of the  
Rock contains free gold, and are satisfied  
that some other process is necessary to work  
it effectually, different from our present ar-  
-rangement which is the ordinary way of treating  
free metal. I wrote to Mr. O'Connell at Silver  
City a few days ago for him to come over  
here and spend the winter with us and that  
I would make satisfactory arrangements with  
him to run the Mill this winter as I wish  
to go below next month, did not let him  
know that the Ore was "Refractory" wish you  
would see him and bring him over with you ar-  
-range with him for one hundred and fifty <sup>150</sup> \$



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here and spend the winter with us and that  
I would make satisfactory arrangements with  
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to go below next month, did not let him  
know that the Ore was "Reblion" wish you  
would see him and bring him over with you ar-  
range with him for one hundred and fifty



dollar per month if you cant get him  
for that offer \$200 per month and  
next summer we may have things so reg  
ulated that Frary may profit by  
his experience and system that he  
may be able to run it alone and then  
take him (Mr. Donald) to Flint to work  
the "Kings Hill" if you make the offer  
hold these inducements out to him that  
next summer the prospects are that we  
will be able to do better by him. I think  
that with Mr. Donald we can run the mill  
this winter to a profit and get some of our  
money back to help out in the spring for  
new adventure either in Flint or the Yuba  
otherwise fear we will have to shut down  
if the present run does not pay we must  
shut down for the winter sure

Your Truly  
Jas. M. Chapin



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Your Truly  
Jas. M. Clapra



Friend Search

Granite Creek Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1867

I wrote you last week from Idaho  
(hoping that you were in Oregon) to come on here  
before you ret<sup>d</sup> to San Francisco and bring Mr. Donald  
with you, on returning to the Mill and "second  
sore thoughts" would be happy to see you and  
hope you will come without fail, but don't the  
advantage of Mr. Donald's services this winter.

Have just received a note from Mr. Lent  
saying that Mr. Fay will accompany you to  
Oregon if you cannot possibly come up, perhaps  
Mr. Fay can spare the time, would be happy  
to see him here, will feel very much disappointed  
if neither of you come after being so near

Yours truly  
Jas M. Clapton



Silver City April 7, 1869

Dear Mr. Donald  
I leave for Boise to morrow  
morning. Tom Cole went down to San  
Francisco this morning. I saw Wilson  
again this morning. He is very anxious  
to hear from you. He will go to San  
Francisco on the 1st of May or soon  
after but in the mean time he wants  
you to let him know what your price  
will give for Fogs interest in Case  
he has to buy Fogs out to accom-  
plish his object. The Ida Emore is  
looking splendid in fact better than  
it ever did. Wilson says they can  
pay \$50,000 a month Dividend for  
the next 6 months without any  
trouble, which is pretty good -  
now if you have not written to Wilson  
in receipt of this do not fail to do  
so at once -

Yours Truly  
John Couch



3:33

I MINES - IDAHO

JOHN W. REINS  
Boise

1866

BOISE, IDAHO

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having the papers before this  
- I have written - & written but  
have had no news. If the  
Col: is truly in N. York, it will  
help materially - I will be in  
N. York the last of this week,  
and will have to get you to  
assist me in getting off on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> inst:

In a p.s. The Dr. says -  
that he feels assured now  
that he has sold the mine  
& only wants the papers &c.

I have written to Mr. Coulter  
a long letter which I want  
him to send to the Dr - at once  
in reference to the little paper  
promising faithfully to get them &  
forward them &c.

I've had more to say when I  
see you - than my truly  
affectionate

Prof. this letter is I may want to keep it  
with me to send

Forfolk  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 1860.

My dear Schaffer

I had this  
pleasure last week - but have  
not heard from you - about  
Col. Raymond &c -

This morning I received a  
letter from Mr. G. T. Coulter  
of Balt: most encouraging  
as to our Lawyer Mine - as  
he requests me to return it  
to him after reading it - I  
transcribed all that Dr.  
Buckler says - about the  
Lawyer Mine for your  
benefit. It is as follows;

London Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 60.

My dear George  
why has Reins  
failed to send forward the papers  
necessary to make good his  
title to the Lawyer Mine? Here



have I been through much  
tribulation working for  
two months to get a party to  
take the property, & now that  
the prospects are good I am  
unable to give a title except  
to the Extension owned by  
Scioffer - whose papers are  
all right. The gentleman who  
is now examining the maps &  
having an assay made of the  
ores contained in the box is  
a large Capitalist and an  
intimate friend of Wm Hamilton  
one of the partners of Brown  
Brothers etc. and if he con-  
= cedes to take it, we have  
made a great hit not only for  
the Lawyer, if it turns out  
a success - but for any number  
of other Idaho Mines. Please  
see Reins & have the title for-  
= warded without delay. The only  
trouble about the Mine is that

it was not properly authen-  
= ticated - The box containing  
nothing but those maps & ores  
and Reins' Statement, which  
I have been backing up -  
It should have been accomp-  
= anied by proper vouchers from  
Wells, Fargo etc. and others -

If I could thoroughly convince  
the incredulous parties that  
the Mine is not a myth &  
that the specimens on hand in the  
box actually came from the  
diggings described by Reins' state-  
= ment I could sell the mine  
& get a check for the money  
as soon as I could give a  
clear title."

This is my encouraging and  
now for Sam F. & John to  
get the papers etc. - as I can  
not get them by writing for  
them - The failure of Wm Mc  
Levit has been the cause of my not

Idaho City Idaho Terr.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Mr George Heath

Dear Sir

I arrived here a few days since, after various delays & incidents to the season of the year - causing freshets, thaws & mud - all going to retard the stages - and make our time much longer than I expected.

I regret that I can not send forward, at present, the papers authenticated properly - and the reasons are that the fire last May, which burnt up the town - destroyed much of the Recorder's Office - papers &c. What were saved were - for a long time - in insupportable confusion - and, up to this time, all the records are not perfect - far from it.

We have been busily hunting over them for all the papers deeds &c. - and, either, can not find all, or some mistake was made as to the number of feet standing in your name. Only 781 feet can be found - You should have 851 feet. Again, I have seen Mr. Hart and have endeavored to get from him an agreement for sale of enough to make up the requisite amt: to 1000 feet - but he stoutly holds out until I advance him



\$2000 - or else he will not convey any sort  
of right to his interest. I have made all  
kinds of propositions, but, up to this time  
he is mulish and foolish - won't budge  
a peg. I have not the money to give him  
or else I would buy out his interest -  
and what to do, I know not!

I will see him again, and try to arrange  
it with him in some way. I never was  
more depressed and vexed in my life.  
I regret that I ever had anything to do  
in the matter. My conscience is clear,  
that I have done every thing in my power to  
arrange this matter. And now that I have  
come so far and thought that I had the  
matter all fixed - to be ~~prevented~~ <sup>frustrated</sup> from  
its accomplishment by so small a matter,  
it is enough to perplex and worry every  
one - beyond measure.

I will write again, in a few days, and  
inform you of the result -

Your most truly

Jno. W. Reins.



Boise City - May 14, 1866.

Mr. George Hearst

Dear Sir -

I write to you a few days since from Idaho City - I again write from this place - having tried my best to arrange matters of them - and failing I came over here to see a party whom I was informed had an interest - and, also, to see Hart again and try to get him to be reasonable - but he has gone from here to Owyhee - and I know not when he will return - It is 65 miles from here to Owyhee - and - if I were to go - I have no assurance that he would do any thing - as he usually refuses to do so at Idaho City. I apply to Mr. Trasker, as the enclosed note will explain - but you will see that he wants me to do something unreasonable - for instance, to wait until you see him the next or until the Colonel can be arranged about his debt - even then with his debt of the \$1550 - I want to want nearly 5000 to cover the debt: a great amount - namely \$500 - The Col - you see - forgot his debt. or else - thought that he would be enabled to arrange it before any sale was made - and authorized me to cover



That aut: He even writes to Mary-  
from New York - of April 9<sup>th</sup> - stating  
that he must assist me - & that "you had  
sent for that number of feet - whereas,  
the enclosed slip of paper will only  
show - 808-1/2 - but - only 781-feet. counted  
to you on the Recorder's books -

It is utterly impossible for me to arrange  
this matter - I have tried my best -  
have lost one year in endeavouring to  
sell this property - and when I have  
done so - I can not give a title.

To say the least I feel much mortification  
& regret - and now to repair my  
own fortune - and make an endeavour  
to do something for myself - I shall  
leave for Montreal the last of this, or  
the first of next week.

The note I gave you shall be paid  
as soon as I get where I can make  
some money - In the mean while,  
I shall bear in mind your kindness  
to me - and shall recompense it by  
making all possible efforts to pay what  
I gave my note - for -

I am, my dear Sir, yours obt: Serv:  
J. W. Reims.

Boise City Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1874  
George Starbuck  
Dr Sir

As I am about closing  
my business at this place and am desirous  
to leave no unsettled matters, and you when  
last here told me you would send the balance  
due me when I was about to leave I wish you  
would now send said balance of Thirty Four <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
and much oblige

Your obt servant  
B. De Lores



soon - as we can remove the cloud on  
the title of the other third, will sell and  
convey that for \$10,000 more, or we will  
keep this interest, and would prefer to  
do so, if agreeable to parties purchasing

A company organized with fifty or  
fifty-thousand dollars - can buy the  
mine & have sufficient working capital  
- to ensure success

By calling on L. M. Bohn, who can be  
found by inquiring of Seligman & Co.  
you can obtain further information  
about our mines, and about us. Mr  
B. is just from Idaho <sup>City</sup> where he resides  
Dr John M. Witley of your city is also  
personally acquainted with our mines  
- Hoping to hear from you at an early  
day, & that you will be favorably im-  
-pressed with our mines, after inquiring  
I remain

Yours Truly  
D. Hurnason  
Dallas City  
Oregon

Dallas, Oregon,

February 10<sup>th</sup> 1867.

My Dear Hearst.

Dear sir:-

Mr Carnall of Pioneer,  
Idaho, called on me, on his return home, and  
mentioned you wished to invest in quartz in  
Idaho, - wishing to call your attention to the  
mining interest we have, known as "Summit  
Blatt Mines," is my excuse for addressing  
you this, - perhaps too lengthy - letter

We own two-thirds of "Summit Blatt" - the  
other third has been sold on foreclosure  
of mortgage. By an understanding we already  
have, we can secure this interest. We  
can give good title to 2/3 interest now, &  
can promise with almost a certainty to  
secure and sell the other 1/3.

We have the discovery claims of three  
leads - 600 feet on each, to wit: - the Mam-  
moth, King and Specimen - in all  
1800 feet. We have an 8 Stamp Water  
mill 1/2 mile from the Mammoth, - good



Water power. The King and Specimen  
leads are about three miles from the  
Mammoth with good graded wagon road  
between them and the Mammoth. We have  
a small 8 stamp steam mill on the  
King - a tunnel about 200 feet striking  
the lead about 70 feet below surface -  
rail-road track from tunnel to mill  
about 300 feet. The Specimen is about  
1/4 of a mile from King - higher up the  
mountain. The quartz in these leads are  
rich assaying three or four hundred  
dollars per ton, our working yield  
is about \$40 per ton. Our machinery in  
both mills for saving gold is very defi-  
-cient - using only the mortars and copper  
plates - we have no pans or other machinery.  
We have worked the Mammoth more  
than either of our leads. Our yields  
have been from \$15 to \$80.00 per ton.  
Our best run was 27 tons which paid  
\$80 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - another run was \$76 <sup>42</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per 30 tons  
all others fell below this - the lowest  
about \$15. The low yield was on account  
of not saving the gold I had some

of the rock assayed which we could not  
save the gold - & here with twelve assays  
from our richest rock, we saved the  
least, on account of slipshod, I regard  
the Mammoth as the best we have - in  
fact the most valuable in the "Basin",  
but it will require more machinery  
than we have to save the gold. We  
men once offered \$30 over \$ for the Mammoth  
lead & mill by an experienced quartz man  
who had stayed with us for some time  
& was well acquainted with it. We did  
sell our mines to a French company for  
\$200,000 in C.F. and suspended work  
-ing the leads, but made other improve-  
-ments they wanted. The principal man  
of the concern failed, and our trade  
failed leaving us embarrassed with debts  
which make it necessary for us to  
sell the whole or part. I think it would  
require \$10,000. judiciously expended in  
machinery and opening up the leads, to  
make them very successful.

We will sell and convey two-thirds of  
"Summit Flote Mines" for \$211,000.00, and as



~~South Boise~~  
Boise  
Mines

Red Warrior Alturas Co. I.T.  
Sept 5. 1867.

Geo Hurst Esq  
Centerville I.T.

Dear Sir:

Through our mutual friend  
J. A. Peck Esq of San Francisco Cal. I have learned  
that you contemplate visiting the South Boise  
Mining District at an early day, I am glad  
to hear that a man of your large and  
varied experience in mines will so soon  
give our section of Country a visit. On  
behalf of Mr. Peck, myself and others I  
extend you a cordial invitation to come,  
and shall be happy to furnish you with  
the best hospitality at my command, and  
render you any assistance in my power in  
enabling you to familiarize yourself with the  
resources in this mining region, The water being  
removed from the Wide West Mine, it is now in  
a condition to be examined, Begging that you will  
by return mail name the time when you may be  
Expected

I am Yours Truly  
John McNally

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Boise DISTRICT

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Middle Cove, or Yuba District -  
Atlanta City - I. 3

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Atlanta Ledge, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Extensions,  
East, embracing 600 feet. Each being  
Claims of Downing, Simmons & Co

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Lucy Lode, 1600 feet, in Discovery  
Claims. Engine of Mr. R. W. Marshall,  
or of P. D. Mattingly

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Jesse Benton - Discovery Claims  
Mining West -

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Grey Eagle - Engine of Marshall -

Silver Moon: Discovery Claims -  
Engine of Mattingly or Marshall

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John Bascom. engine of Mattingly or Mar-  
shall

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North Star, Discovery Claims of  
Col. Oreal, or Mattingly or Marshall

Green Back: Jimmy Claims —  
And also  
The ~~side~~ West Ledge & Mill  
at Red Warrior District  
near Rocky Bay —



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FLINT MINING DISTRICT

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Special  
Power of Attorney  
J. R. Prookert  
R. L. Chase  
to  
J. W. Greenwell

Filed for Record  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 1/2 past  
11 Oclk A.M. Recorded  
in Book 4 page 3 of  
Records of Cluyker  
C. J. D.

J. W. Greenwell  
Recorder  
By R. L. Chase  
Deputy



Know all men by these presents that we J B Brooker and R L Chase of Owyhee County Idaho Territory have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint L W Greenwell of said place our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names places and steads to sell and convey an undivided two hundred and sixty two and one half feet in the first North extension of the gold and silver bearing quartz lead or lode known as and recorded under the name of the "Rising Star" also twelve and one half feet being the same ground located and recorded by H Ruff Carter on the North end of the Discovery claims on said lode and between the said first North Extension and the said Discovery claims, all of the said above described property being situated in Flint Mining District Owyhee County Idaho Territory the same being our entire interest in said claims, Authorizing our



said attorney to sell the same for  
such sum of money as he may  
see fit and to execute in our  
names all deeds of conveyance  
and paper writings of whatsoever  
description whether under seal or  
otherwise necessary to be executed  
in selling and conveying said  
property and to deliver the same  
and receive for us the purchase  
price.

Giving and granting unto our  
said attorney full power and  
authority to do and perform all  
and every act and thing what-  
soever requisite and necessary  
to be done in and about the  
premises, as fully to all intents  
and purposes as we might or could  
do if personally present with full  
power of substitution and reoca-  
tion, hereby ratifying and confirm-  
ing all that our said attorney  
or his substitute shall lawfully  
do or cause to be done by virtue  
hereof.

In witness whereof We have  
hereunto set our hands and seals

at the town of Silver City, N.M.  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October one  
thousand eight hundred and  
sixty seven

J. R. Brooks *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of  
Jeremiah Johnson  
C. M. Hays

R. S. Chase *(Seal)*

Territory of Idaho, }  
COUNTY OF OWYHEE, }

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1867  
before the undersigned, R. E. Hallock Clerk of the Third  
Judicial District Court in & for Idaho Territory  
personally came J. R. Brooks and R. S. Chase who are  
personally

known to me to be the identical persons described in, and who executed the annexed Instru-  
ment, and who duly acknowledged to me the execution  
thereof to be their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



Witness my hand and official Seal, the day and  
year in this certificate written.  
R. E. Hallock Clerk  
By C. M. Hays Deputy



Know all men by these presents that I,  
James King of Owyhee County Idaho  
Territory have made, constituted and  
appointed and by these presents do make  
constitute and appoint L. W. Greenwell  
of said place my true and lawful  
attorney, for me and in my name  
place and stead to sell and convey  
until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December  
A. D. 1864 - to any person or persons,  
corporation or corporations all of my  
right, title and interest in and to  
the following described property -  
to wit: Forty three and three quarters  
(43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) feet being my entire interest  
in the first North Extension of  
the gold and silver bearing quartz  
lode known as the "Rising Star"  
said first north Extension consisting  
of three hundred and fifty (350)  
feet - lying and being situated in  
Flint Mining District, Owyhee  
County Idaho Territory, authorizing  
my said attorney to sell the same  
for such sum of money as he may  
see fit and to execute in my name  
all deeds of conveyance & paper writings  
of whatsoever description whether



under seal or otherwise necessary  
to be executed in selling and convey-  
-ing said property and to deliver  
the same and receive for one the  
purchase price - And hereby make  
this power irrevocable until the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1867  
giving and granting unto my  
said attorney full power and  
authority to do and perform all  
and every act and thing what-  
-soever requisite and necessary  
to be done in and about the  
premises, as fully to all intents  
and purposes as I might or could  
do if personally present, with full  
power of substitution and revoca-  
-tion, hereby ratifying and con-  
-firming all that my said at-  
-torney or his substitutes shall  
lawfully do or cause to be done  
by virtue hereof,

In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and  
seal at the town of Silver City  
D.T. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October  
one thousand eight hundred  
and sixty seven





Sealed & Delivered by James King (Seal)  
in the presence of  
R. E. Hallock

Territory of Idaho, }  
COUNTY OF OWYHEE, } ss.

On the fourteenth day of October A. D. 1864  
before the undersigned, Clerk of the District Court of the  
Third Judicial District of Idaho Territory  
personally came James King

known to me to be the identical person described in, and who executed the annexed Instru-  
ment, and who acknowledged to me the execution  
thereof to be his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



Witness my hand and official Seal, the day and  
year in this certificate written.

R. E. Hallock

Special  
Power of Attorney  
James King  
to  
J. H. Greenwell

Filed for Record Oct  
14<sup>th</sup> 1857 at 1/2 past 10  
Oclk A.M. Recorded  
in Book 3 Page 636  
of Records of Aughee  
Co. I. T.

J. H. Greenwell  
Recorder  
By R. S. Chase  
Deputy



This agreement made the eighth  
day of November 1867 between P. H.  
Fogus, J. S. Martin, J. E. Pickens, Lewis  
H. Lewis, John M. Wilson, J. W. Wood,  
and S. W. Greenwell parties of the  
first part and William M. Lant  
party of the second part;

Witnesseth

That the parties  
of the first part for and in consid-  
eration of one dollar to them in  
hand paid by the party of the second  
part do covenant and agree to and  
with the party of the second part and  
his assigns that they will at any  
time within the period of thirty days  
next ensuing at the option and  
election of the party of the second  
part, bargain, sell and convey unto  
the said party of the second part  
or his assigns all that certain quartz  
lode or mining claim situate lying  
and being in the Flint Mining District  
in the County of Owyhee Territory  
of Idaho and known by the

name of this "Rising Star  
Quartz Lode" being in extent ab-  
out eleven hundred and seventy  
linear feet more or less along the  
said ledge for the price or sum of  
thirty thousand dollars in gold  
coin, of which sum fifteen thou-  
sand dollars is to be paid to Seow  
H Lewis who is the owner of one half  
of said property, ten thousand  
dollars to J. W. Wood who is the  
owner of one third of said property,  
and five thousand dollars to  
John McWilson who is the owner  
of one sixth of said property, and  
the sum of one dollar to each  
of the other parties of the first part.  
Witness the hands & seals of the party  
of the first part.

Witness

W. H. Wickens and

Seow H Lewis  
by J. A. Brambleton, his  
attly in fact

J. W. Wood  
by his attly in fact J. A. Brambleton  
his attly in fact

John McWilson

By L. W. Greenwell  
his attly in fact

James E. Pickett

by L. W. Greenwell his  
attorney in fact

L. W. Greenwell

S.S.  
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Gilmore Hays Recorder

By J. M. Hays Deputy

Book No. 4, pps 500 & 501.

The following is an affidavit recorded among the Records of Cuyahoga Co. I. T. in regard to the foregoing notice.

Notice & proof of correction in Location on "Rising Star"

Territory of Idaho } ss

County of Cuyahoga

R. S. Chase and H. R.

Barter being first severally sworn each for himself and not one for the other deposes and says that he is one of the locators of 350 feet of mining ground described in the following notice of location recorded in Book No. 4 page 500 of the Records of Cuyahoga County, October the 6<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1866, to wit,

Notice

We the undersigned claim three hundred and fifty (350) feet of this the gold and silver bearing quartz lode known as the "Rising Star" commencing at the North Stake of the Discovery claim on said lode and running Northerly along the line of the

lode three hundred and fifty (350) feet  
more or less and adjoining the ground  
now owned by Dutton Haigh on the  
South end, this being the South end of  
the ground formerly in litigation be-  
tween W D Chesbro & others and Dutton  
Haigh, this ground being subject to  
relocation on account of non compliance  
with the laws of Idaho Territory.

R. L. Chase

H. R. Carter

and affiants say each for himself  
that said 350 feet of said gold and sil-  
ver bearing quartz lode, described in  
the foregoing notice was located on the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1866, and not on the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1866 as appears  
by the said notice Recorded as afore-  
said, that the words and figures  
"Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1866" in said notice is not the true  
and correct date of said location but that  
the true and correct time and date of  
said location as made by these affiants  
respectively was, and is the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
October A. D. 1866, and that the dating  
of said location on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sep-  
tember A. D. 1866 was and is a mistake



Abstract of Twelve and one half (12 1/2) feet, being Surplus ground on the north end of the Discovery claims of the Rising Star Quartz lode, and of Three hundred and fifty (350) feet being the first north extension on the Rising Star Quartz lode, situated in Gold Mining District Owyhee Co. I.T.

### Location Notices

"Rising Star" Surplus Notice is hereby given that I claim twelve and one half feet more or less the same being surplus ground in the 540 ft on the Rising Star known as the Haught & Gehrig ground.

Gold District Owyhee County I.T.  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1865. W. Russ Carter  
Filed Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1865 & Recorded October 21<sup>st</sup> 1865.

William Hoays  
Recorder  
Book No 3, page 472

Rising Star - re-location  
Notice - we the undersigned claim three

hundred and fifty (350) feet of this the  
gold and silver bearing quartz lode  
known as the "Rising Star" commen-  
cing at the north stake of the Discovery  
claims on said lode and running  
northerly along the line of the lode three  
hundred and fifty feet more or less  
and adjoining the ground now owned  
by Milton Waigh on the south end  
this being the south end of the ground  
formerly in litigation between W. D. Chase-  
bro & others and Milton Waigh - this  
ground being subject to relocation in  
accordance of non-compliance with the  
laws of Idaho Territory.

Third District  
Owyhee County, Id.  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

R. S. Chase  
W. R. Carter

W. R. Carter and R. S. Chase personally  
appeared before me on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Octo-  
ber A. D. 1866 and made oath that the  
matters and facts set forth in the within  
notice are true to the best of their know-  
ledge and belief.

William Hays Recorder

By J. M. Hays Deputy

Filed for Record Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1866 at 2 o'clock P. M.  
at request of Carter & Chase.



and that the object and intention of this affidavit is to correct said mistake so far as in their power lies and also to notify all persons thereof.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1867.

R. S. Chase  
H. R. Carter

James Synnau  
Justice of the Peace

Territory of Idaho }  
County of Cuyahoga }

D. H. Rogus and Wallace Greenwell being first duly and severally sworn each for himself and not one for the other deposes and says - that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit and well knows the contents thereof that the facts stated in said affidavit are true and within the personal knowledge of the affiants except as to the object and intention of the said affidavit as mentioned therein, and as to that he believes that the only object and intention of said affidavit is to correct said mistake and notify the world thereof.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1867.

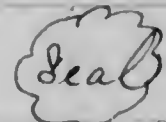

D. H. Rogus  
W. Greenwell

James Synnau  
Justice of the Peace in & for said County



Filed for Record August 20<sup>th</sup> 1867.  
By W. Greenwell Recorder  
By R. S. Chase Deputy  
Book No. 4. pps 691 & 692.

Transfers on the foregoing

No 1 Rollin S Chase } Deed  
to } Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1866  
John D. Martin } Consideration \$750  
"revised released and quit claimed"  
forty three feet and three quarters of  
a foot undivided in the first north  
extension of the gold and silver bearing  
quartz lode known as the "Rising Star"  
quartz lode, the same being situated in  
said Mining District in said County  
and Territory, said extension on said  
lode being also known as the Bright  
ground on said lode.  
Signed, Sealed & delivered } R. S. Chase   
in the presence of }  
A. Huggan } US Res. Stamp 50 cts  
acknowledged on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October  
A.D. 1866 before James Synnau N.P.   
Filed for Record October 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1866, at  
30 minutes past 8 o'clock P.M. at request of  
J. D. Martin. Gilmore Hays Recorder  
Book 2. pps 471-472 & 473 By A. M. Hays Deputy



No 2

R S Chase

Deed

to

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1866

John McLeod

Consideration \$10.00

"granted bargained sold and conveyed"  
(43/4) forty three and 3/4 feet being an undivided interest in three hundred and fifty (350) feet of the 1<sup>st</sup> North extension of the gold and silver bearing quartz lode known as the "Rising Star" situate in Illinois Mining District County & Territory aforesaid,

Sealed & delivered

R S Chase

Seal

in presence of

James Synnam

US Res Stamps 50 cts

Acknowledged on the ninth day of October A.D. 1866 before

Seal

James Synnam  
Notary Public

Filed for Record July 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1866 at 10 minutes past 4 o'clock P.M. at request of John McLeod.

Gilmore Hays Recorder

By C M Hays Deputy

Booked, pps 621-621 & 622.

No 3

H R Carter

Deed

to


Dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 1867

J R Brooker

Consideration \$1400.

"bargained sold conveyed and quit-  
claimed" one hundred and seventy five  
(175) feet being an undivided interest in  
three hundred and fifty (350) feet of the  
first north extension of the gold and  
silver bearing quartz lode known as  
the "Rising Star" situated in Elbert Min-  
ing District County & Territory aforesaid,  
also 12 1/2 feet more or less, the same being  
surplus ground in 500 feet of the Rising  
Star quartz ledge, known as the Straight  
and Gehl ground in Elbert Mining Dis-  
trict Douglas Co. D. T.

Executed in the presence of  
of J. A. Lytle  
George King

H. R. Barter 

US Res. Stamps 7 1/2%

acknowledged on the 22nd day of May A.  
D. 1867 before

George King  
Justice of the Peace

Filed for Record May 22nd 1867 at 30 minutes  
past 5 P.M.

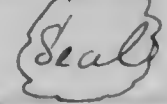
J. W. Greenwell Recorder  
By R. S. Chase Deputy

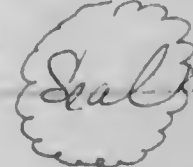
Book M. pgs 250 & 251



No 4

J D Martin } Deed  
 to } Dated 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1867  
 James King } Consideration \$250.  
 "bargained sold conveyed and quit-  
 claimed" 43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> feet undivided in 350 ft  
 of the 1<sup>st</sup> North extension of the "Rising  
 Star" situate in Blinn District Aughee  
 Co. S. T. the same ground purchased by  
 J D Martin of R L Chase.

Executed in the presence of } J D Martin   
 L W Greenwell } by R D Chesbro his  
 A M Hayes } Attorney in fact  
 Res Stamp 50 cts.

Acknowledged by R D Chesbro, as the attorney  
 in fact of J D Martin on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
 October A.D. 1867 before R E Hallock clerk of  
 the Dist Court for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District  
 of Dakota, by A M Hayes Deputy 

Filed for Record Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 9 o'clock a.m.  
 Recorded in Book N. pps.  
 L W Greenwell Recorder  
 By R L Chase Deputy

James King  
to  
J.W. Greenwell

Power of Atty.  
Dated Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

Full power to sell and  
convey,

All my right title and interest in  
and to 48<sup>3/4</sup> feet, being my entire interest  
in the first North Extension of the gold and  
silver bearing quartz lode known as the  
"Rising Star". Said first North Extension con-  
sisting of three hundred and fifty (350)  
feet, situated in Clark Mining District,  
Montana.

Witness  
R.E. Callock  
James King

U.S. 2871

Acknowledged before R.E. Callock clerk  
Dist Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Jud Dist Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

Recorded Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 1/2 past 10 o'clock a.m.

J.W. Greenwell Recorder  
By R.E. Chase Deputy

In Book 3, page 636 of Augher's Records.

J.R. Barker  
R.E. Chase

Power of Attorney  
Dated Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1867

to  
J.W. Greenwell

Full power to sell and



convey-

All of our right title and interest in and to, 262 1/2 feet of the first North extension, and 12 1/2 feet of the surplus ground of the "Rising Star" gold and silver bearing Quartz lode, situated in Blinn Mining District Cuyahoga Co. I. T.

Signed Sealed & Delivered }  
in the presence of }

J. R. Brooker  
R. S. Chase

Seal  
Seal

with Rec Stamp \$1.00

Acknowledged before R. E. Ballou Clerk  
of the Third Judicial Circuit Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1867. Seal

Recorded Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 1/2 past 11 O'Clock A.M.  
In Book 4, page 3 of } J. W. Greenwell Recorder  
Cuyahoga Co. Records I. T. } by R. S. Chase Deputy

Territory of Idaho }  
County of Cuyahoga }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct abstract of three hundred and fifty (350) feet, being the first North extension of the Rising Star Quartz Lode, also of twelve and one half (12 1/2) feet, being surplus ground at the North end of the Discovery Claims of the Rising Star Gold and silver

bearing quartz Lode, all situated in  
Blind Mining District, Oregon, A. S. L.  
as appears from the Records in my office.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my offi-  
cial Seal, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October  
A. D. 1867.

L. W. Greenwell  
Recorder



Lentville Flint Dist Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

Mr George Hearst

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know what is going on in this part of Idaho. Well the mill is shaft for eight or nine days untill Kustel gets his leaching vats up & then I think there will be no more trouble about black amalgam. Kestel thought it was only wasting the ore to run the mill untill he got fixed up. The mine is looking well every place except the lower level & Kustel & Mr Lent think that they never got to the lead so they are running a drift east. In a few days they will know all about it. Mr Lent surveyed the shaft & drift & found they had not run far anuff by twenty feet. Mr Lent has been working like a tiger ever since he come here getting everything in shape.

and I think when the mill starts  
this time you will see nice bricks  
& plenty of them we have had the  
best winter I ever seen in Idaho  
the snow is only about four inches  
deep here at present & nice warm  
weather as I don't know of anything  
more of interest I will close with  
my best wishes to you & all  
inquiring friends

yours Respectfully

John F. Boyd

P.S. please show this  
to Gashwiler & oblige  
J.F.B.



Hamilton Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1809

Mr Geo Hearst

Dear Sir

having more time than money  
I thought I would write you a  
few lines to let you know <sup>how</sup> times  
are in this part of the country  
well all the mills are running  
but times appear to be getting  
duller every day there is quite  
an excitement here on smelting  
ores Mr Walsh has just come  
from Ely & Highland Districts where  
Peacock & Co are building smelting  
works he likes the country very  
much he tells me of a claim  
down there about five ft wide  
& crops out about one thousand  
ft he thinks it will pay from  
fifty to sixty dol per ton in  
silver he says he can get me  
a bond of it for from sixty  
to ninety days for ten dol per  
foot 1200 feet in the claim  
now I thought if there was  
any show to sell such a claim



provided the claim is as  
good as he thinks it is I  
will go & see it & get some  
of the ore & have it tested  
hear I thought perhaps you  
might get some parties to  
put up the money & we take  
our interest in stock in the  
company I think four or five  
thousand dollars would put up  
a furnace & when we commenced  
shipping boullion we could  
sell our stock & make a  
good thing out of it I wish  
you would answer this as  
I would get your letter when  
I come back from the mines  
yours Respectfully

John H. Boyd

P.S.

please direct care of  
Rogers & Gardner Hamilton  
J. H. B.



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PROSPECTUS.

REPORTS,

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

—AND—

**BY-LAWS**

—OF THE—

FIDELITY MINING COMPANY

OF COLORADO.



INCORPORATED, 1876,  
Under the Statutes of Colorado.

DENVER  
TRIBUNE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.  
1876.



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—AND—

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OF COLORADO.



INCORPORATED, 1876,  
Under the Statutes of Colorado.

DENVER  
TRIBUNE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.  
1876.

## OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY.

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WM. CLARK, *President*, D. I. EZEKIEL, *Secretary*,  
JOHN MOSS, *Vice President*, EBERT W. SMITH, *Treas.*  
L. P. DODGE, *Superintendent*.

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### TRUSTEES:

WM. CLARK, LEMUEL F. YATES, JOHN MOSS, L. P. DODGE,  
WM. M. CHEWNING, EBERT W. SMITH, D. I. EZEKIEL.

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CAPITAL STOCK, - - - \$1,000,000.  
(SHARES \$10 EACH.)

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### REFERENCES OF CORPORATORS:

His Excellency, JOHN L. ROUTT, Governor of Colorado.  
HON. WM. M. CLARK, Secretary of State, Denver, Colorado.  
H. BECKURTS, ESQ., Prop'r *Daily Tribune*, "  
PROF. J. F. L. SCHIRMER, Supt. U. S. Mint, "  
COL. C. C. TOMPKINS, U. S. Marshal, "  
HON. DANIEL SAYER, Denver, Colorado.  
J. SCOTT CRONISE, Banker, New York City.  
PARKER HANDY, Banker, "  
A. W. WHITNEY, Stock Broker, "  
S. S. DAVIS, Banker, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
F. T. DAY, Milwaukee, Wis.  
E. N. GRAY, OF GRAY & NOYES, Washington D. C.



## PROSPECTUS.

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Any business enterprise, in order to be permanently prosperous, must be on such a basis that overstocked markets, competition or panics will not affect it. Precious metals fluctuate but little in value; speculators can not control the market price; a profit margin is always left after paying for production and transportation, and where *true fissure* veins exist, the history of deep mining proves to us the deeper we go on the veins the greater the deposit and the richer the mine becomes. They always command a market, and the supply will never exceed the demand. Mining having reached the basis of a legitimate business, the production of precious metals has become an important national industry.

In 1874 our State, Colorado, ranked fourth, in value of precious metals produced; in 1875 we were third on the list. This is no more than we expected, and with the impetus which mining has received here, within the year, we confidently look forward to ranking as second on said list within the next three years.

The mines of this Company are in the famous San Juan country, and the opinion of the experts who have visited it is, that it contains more gold and silver than any other section of equal area, in the known world. The San Juan country, so-called, contains about 2,000 square miles of *mining lands*.

As we have above shown no *true fissure* vein or mine of precious metals has ever been exhausted. Those which are favorably known, having already produced hundreds of millions of dollars, are to-day the largest producers in the world. The dividends are more certain and regular and are larger, in proportion to the amount of capital invested, than that arising from almost any other business.

Raymond's "Mines and Mining," for 1874, gives the value

of ores raised from the great Comstock lode, in Nevada, as follows:

\$27.65 per ton for the quarter ending September 30th, 1872; \$31.32, quarter ending December 31st, 1872; \$45.90, quarter ending March 31st, 1873, and \$57.20, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1873. Ores average now but about \$100.00 to the ton. Consolidated Virginia and Belcher, both on said lode, having already paid their stockholders dividends aggregating over *thirty millions* of dollars, what may not the stockholders of this Company expect when their mines with shafts from but ten to thirty feet in depth give returns running from \$50.00 to \$1,000 per ton of 2,000 pounds?

Another thing to be taken into calculation when examining the prospects of the "Fidelity," is the coal lands it already possesses, and the Board of Trustees desire to say while on this subject, that they have about concluded arrangements by which they secure to the Company from 1,200 to 1,500 acres additional, which, with that already held, is about all of that mineral known to exist in that section of the country.

In addition to its gold, silver, and coal mines, the Company also own sixty (60) acres of placer claims and one hundred and sixty (160) acres of timber lands, in La Plata county and valuable mill-sites and water privileges, both in La Plata and Conejos counties, in each of which it has mines.

#### PLAN OF THE COMPANY.

The "Fidelity Mining Company" was organized November 13th, 1876, for the purpose of purchasing, locating, developing and selling mineral lands, claims, veins and lodes, and placer deposits, in the State of Colorado. The capital stock of the Company is \$1,000,000; divided into 100,000 shares, of \$10 each. \$200,000 of this stock is reserved as a working capital, which by the laws of the State can only be sold at par, or subject to assessments to its par value. The balance of the stock has been used in the purchase of the property, and is therefore paid up stock. Of this latter amount the corporators propose placing upon the market, for sale, 10,000 shares, the proceeds of which are to be expended in the development of the Company's properties.

#### THE PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY.

The property of the Company is situated in the Decatur District, Conejos county, and in California District, La Plata county. The Decatur property consists of the following mines: "J. P. Brady," "Bertie," "Blanche," "Robeson," "Sigler," "Ella," and "Allie," each location having a surface area of 1,500 by 300 feet, with well defined veins from five to eight feet in width, with shafts sunk upon the same from fifteen to thirty feet in depth. The mineral taken therefrom assaying from \$60 to \$135 per ton, (2,000 lbs.) silver and gold combined with pyrites. The Alamosa river flows at the base of Blanche Mountain on which these mines are located, and affords a water power unsurpassed in the country, while the surface ground of the property is covered with a heavy growth of fine building timber. This property is distant about five miles from the "Summit" gold district where the mines are now yielding large returns.

The La Plata county property is as follows: "Quien Sabe," "Virginia B.," "Golconda No. 2," "American Girl," and "American Boy," gold and silver bearing mines; twenty (20) acres placer mines, on La Plata river, forty (40) acres placer mines on Mancos river, one hundred and sixty (160) acres bituminous coal, and one hundred and sixty (160) acres fine timber land on East Fork of the Mancos river. These mines have well defined, true fissure veins, from five to twenty-five feet in width. Assays of the mineral taken from various depths since the mines were opened range from \$45.00 to \$1,130.00 per ton (2,000 lbs.). The property is located near Parrott City, county seat of La Plata county, and large investments by San Francisco capitalists have already been made in mining property, in the immediate vicinity of that owned by this Company.

The lines of the proposed railways from the Pacific coast pass through this property, to unite with those now centering at Denver and Pueblo.

Additional mines and coal lands will be added to the Company property, during the ensuing ninety days, without expense to the stockholders.

For a more complete description of the Company's property, reference is made to the accompanying reports of mining experts.



DENVER, COLORADO, November 14, 1876.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the property of the "Fidelity Mining Company," situated in California Mining District, La Plata County, Colorado.

The property, at the date of my examination, consisted of the following lodes and claims, viz:

"Golconda No. 2," "American Girl," "American Boy," "Quien Sabe" and "Virginia B" gold and silver bearing lodes; forty (40) acres of placer diggings on the Mancos, and twenty (20) acres of placer diggings on the La Plata River; one hundred and sixty (160) acres of bituminous coal lands—vein five (5) feet thick—and one hundred and sixty (160) acres fine timber land, on the East Fork of the Mancos River.

"Golconda No. 2" is 1500 feet in length; width of vein, 5 feet; mill run \$40 per ton (2000 lbs.). Gold bearing.

"American Girl" is 1500 feet in length; width of vein, 25 feet; mill run, \$32 per ton (2000 lbs.); free milling quartz. Gold.

"American Boy" is 1500 feet in length; width of vein, 8 feet; mill run, \$136 per ton (2000 lbs.). Gold bearing quartz.

"Quien Sabe" is 1500 feet in length; width of vein, 5 feet; mill run, \$58 per ton (2000 lbs.); sulphuret mineral. Gold and silver.

"Virginia B." is 1500 feet in length; width of vein, 8 feet; mill run, \$63 per ton (2000 lbs.); sulphuret mineral. Gold and silver.

The mines have all *true fissure* veins, with good walls, and may be traced on the surface for the entire length of the claims. The developments comprise only such working as the law requires for the first year, and the return may be considered as surface developments only. As the mines progress in depth they will undoubtedly increase in richness. From my experience in the workings of the mines in Nevada and California, I have no hesitation in pronouncing these mines as very valuable, and with intelligent working should pay a large dividend. Timber and water are abundant, and, with the completion of the proposed railroad from Southern Utah, the property can not fail of yielding large returns to investors.

The placer claims are now being worked in a crude manner, by rocker and pan, and are paying fair wages to the man, but with improved appliances the yield may be very considerably increased. The gold is coarse and readily gathered; the banks high, thus allowing the use of hydraulics, and a fall of forty feet at the mouth of the flume gives a pressure sufficient for rapid working. I consider, from experience in both localities, that the bars of the La Plata and Mancos Rivers are quite as valuable gold deposits as those found on the American River, in California, in 1850, and will only require a moderate investment of capital to bring them out. There is no lack of water for working purposes, and operations need not be suspended during the winter months. In my opinion, the placer claims *alone* will pay a handsome dividend on the entire capital stock of your Company.

The coal measures owned by your Company are accessible by natural grade from the present wagon-road, and crop out in a body five feet in thickness. The quality is fully equal to that in the vicinity of El Moro, now being successfully coked by the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company. The railroads approaching the East from the Pacific coast and Southern Utah, to unite with the railways moving south and west through Colorado, have made a preliminary survey through this property, and as it is the first coal measures found going east from the Pacific coast, the railroad business alone will furnish a large market for this product. In addition to this the smelting ores found in this vicinity will consume a very considerable amount, and, as the area is comparatively limited, it would seem that your Company would possess the monopoly of this market.

In the aggregate, or detail, I can but consider your property one of the most valuable offered to the public for investment.

A. R. FLEMING,

Superintendent Comstock Mining Company.

To D. I. Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary Fidelity Mining Company,  
Denver, Colorado.

DENVER, COLORADO, Nov. 15, 1876.

D. I. EZEKIEL, ESQ., Secretary Fidelity Mining Company, Denver, Colorado:

SIR: In compliance with your request that I should examine the property of your Company, situated in the Decatur Mining District, Conejos County, I respectfully submit herewith my report of same.

The mines of this district lie upon the general belt running north-west from Elizabethtown, New Mexico, through Southern Colorado. At the Rio Grande, in San Luis Valley, the range breaks, one spur making north-west by west, and the other ranging nearly north, forming the Sangre de Christo Range, on which are located the "Sangre de Christo," "Mosca," "Cottonwood" and "Rosita" mines, carrying both gold and silver, chiefly the former. The principal deposit south of the Rio Grande is at the "Summit," where the mines are of gold exclusively, now being largely and profitably worked by Livingstone, Crook & Co., of New York, and others. The Decatur District lies about five miles south-east of the Summit District, but at an altitude considerably lower than that of the celebrated "Little Annie" mine. There is but little snow during the winter months, and the Alamosa River is open during the entire year. The timber is abundant and of the best quality. A toll-road is now being constructed up the Alamosa Valley, by which the distance to the mail route through the San Luis Valley will be only about twenty-five miles. These mines have all well-defined fissure veins, the ore being found associated with cal'c spar and quartz, between granite walls, the veins varying in width from four to seven feet. The developments are not as yet sufficiently progressed to show the value of the individual lodes, the shafts being only from twelve to thirty feet in depth, but the surface indications, as well as the developments of the surrounding property, indicate the presence of a large body of very rich mineral. The property of your Company, consisting of the "J. P. Brady," "Bertie," "Blanche," "Robeson," "Sigler," "Ella" and "Allie" lodes, is very favorably situated for working, the lodes lying upon the side of a steep mountain and running parallel to each other. The surface ground of the lower

mine extends to the river, where there is an abundance of water power, thus affording mill privileges immediately at the mouth of your proposed tunnel. The assays made range from fifty to one hundred and thirty dollars per ton, gold and silver. It is undoubtedly a very promising block of mineral property, and may be developed at a comparatively slight expense, on account of the natural facilities for working. ALEX. WILSON,  
Mining Engineer and Supt. of Susquehanna Mine.

STATE OF COLORADO, }  
County of Arapahoe, } ss.

Whereas, The undersigned are desirous of forming and organizing a corporation under the General Laws of the State of Colorado, for purchasing, operating, selling and developing mineral lodes and placer deposits within said State; now therefore, this instrument is to certify:

First. That the name of this company shall be the "Fidelity Mining Company of Colorado."

Second. That the object of this company is and shall be the purchase, location, development, operation and sale of mineral lands, claims, veins and lodes, and placer deposits, in the counties of La Plata, Conejos and Boulder, in the State of Colorado, and in such other counties in said State as shall be deemed advisable by said Company, by drifting, shafting, tunneling, fluming or otherwise, and if it shall deem the same expedient or proper, the building, erection and operation of reduction works for the reduction and the reduction therein of gold and silver ores.

Third. The amount of the Capital Stock of said Company shall be one million (1,000,000) dollars, divided into one hundred thousand (100,000) shares at ten (10) dollars each.

Fourth. The term of existence of said Company shall be twenty (20) years from date of filing of this instrument in the office of the Secretary of the State of Colorado.

Fifth. The number of Trustees of said Company shall be seven, and William Clark, William M. Chewning, Lemuel P. Dodge, Ebert W. Smith, Lemuel F. Yates, David I. Ezekiel and John Moss, shall be trustees to manage the affairs and concerns of said Company for the first year of its existence, with power to make By-Laws for its government.



Sixth. The operations of said Company shall be carried on in the State of Colorado, and the principal office of said Company shall be in the city of Denver, in the State of Colorado.

Seventh. The seal of said Company is, and shall be, circular in form, the center containing the design of a dog guarding a safe, with the figures "1876" below, the whole encircled by the words "Fidelity Mining Co., Colorado," an impression of which appears hereon.

In witness whereof, we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of November, in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Signed :



WM. CLARK,	[SEAL]
WM. M. CHEWNING,	[SEAL]
L. P. DODGE,	[SEAL]
EBERT W. SMITH,	[SEAL]
LEMUEL F. YATES,	[SEAL]
D. I. EZEKIEL,	[SEAL]
JOHN MOSS,	[SEAL]

STATE OF COLORADO, }  
County of Arapahoe, } ss.

Be it known that on this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1876, personally appeared before me, Tallmadge Norwood, a Notary Public within and for the County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, William Clark, William M. Chewning, Lemuel P. Dodge, Ebert W. Smith, Lemuel F. Yates, David I. Ezekiel and John Moss, who are known to me to be the identical persons who signed the within instrument of writing, and acknowledged before me that they signed and executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth, the contents and meaning thereof having been fully explained by me.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal, this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1876.

[L. S.]

TALLMADGE NORWOOD,  
*Notary Public.*

## BY-LAWS.

### CORPORATE POWERS.

SECTION 1. The corporate powers of this Company shall be exercised by a Board of seven Trustees, and the officers of the Company shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the Trustees at their first meeting following the annual meeting of the stockholders in each year. They shall all be elected from the Board of Trustees, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year, and until their successors are elected and enter upon the duties of their respective offices, or until removed by the Board. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the Board of Trustees. The majority of the Board, including the President, shall be residents of Colorado. The power to fill vacancies occurring on the Board of Trustees, is vested in the Board.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Board to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Company; to receive and pass upon all reports of the Secretary and Treasurer; to audit all bills and accounts against the Company; to appoint, and remove at pleasure, Superintendents or Managers of its mining properties, and direct the Secretary in correspondence.

The Board shall cause to be kept a complete record of all its proceedings, and of its expenditures, and prepare reports for submission to the stockholders at their annual meeting. A meeting of the Board may be called by the President at any time, or by any four members of the Board, by giving a personal notice of the same to each Trustee by letter, mailed in the postoffice at Denver, Colorado, and directed to them at their respective places of residence, or otherwise, at least three days before the date of such meeting. Four Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## PRESIDENT.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Trustees, and to sign all bonds, deeds or agreements made or entered into by or in behalf of the corporation; sign all certificates of stock, and all orders for money on the Treasurer.

## VICE PRESIDENT.

In the absence of the President it shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform all the duties belonging to the office of President.

## SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall be the custodian of the corporate seal of the Company; shall give due notice of the meetings of stockholders and of the Board of Trustees. He shall keep the book of blank certificates of stock; fill up and countersign all certificates issued; countersign all orders on the Treasurer; he shall keep proper books of record and of accounts of the Company, and discharge such other duties as pertain to his office, and are prescribed by the Board of Trustees; attaching the corporate seal of the company to all instruments of the Company requiring seal.

## TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep safely, as custodian, all the moneys and bullion belonging to the Company, until the same be divided or appropriated by the Board of Trustees, in conformity with the laws of the Company. At the annual meeting of the stockholders, and at any other meeting when required to do so, he shall submit a statement of his accounts, accompanied with the proper vouchers. He shall discharge such other duties as pertain to his office, and as are prescribed by the Board of Trustees. No money shall be paid out by the Treasurer, except on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, and he shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum as shall be decided upon by the Board of Trustees.

## SUPERINTENDENTS OR MANAGERS.

The Superintendents or Managers shall, under direction of the Board of Trustees, take charge of and exercise general super-

vision of the operations, developments and working of the Company's mining and milling properties; furnish plans and estimates for all working operations; keep records of mineral, ore or bullion produced, and employ such labor as may be required. They shall also make weekly reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretary, of all operations and the condition of said properties.

## BOOKS AND PAPERS.

SECTION 4. The books of the Company, and such papers as may be placed on file by vote of the stockholders or Trustees, shall at all times, in business hours, be subject to the inspection of the Board of Trustees and of any of the stockholders.

## MEETINGS.

SECTION 5. An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held in the city of Denver, at the office of the Company, on the third Tuesday of November, 1877, at ten o'clock A. M., and on the same day in each succeeding year. (Notice of all meetings of the stockholders that may be called, shall be published in one of the Denver daily newspapers at least ten days prior to date of such meeting.) No business shall be transacted at the meetings of the stockholders, unless the majority of the stock is represented. In case there be no such majority represented at any annual meeting, an adjournment from time to time may be had until such majority be present.

## VOTING.

SECTION 6. At all meetings of the stockholders, each stockholder either in person or by proxy, shall be entitled to as many votes as he owns shares of paid up stock. All appointments of proxies shall be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at least seven days previous to said meeting. The stock books of the Company shall be closed seven days prior to annual meeting.

## CERTIFICATES OF SHARES.

SECTION 7. The shareholders of the capital stock of the Company shall be entitled to certificates of their shares, duly signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. Transfers of all stock shall be made only on the books of the



Company, either in person or by attorney, and the possession of a certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of ownership of the stock, unless it appears upon the stock books of the Company that said certificate was issued or duly transferred to the holder of same. No certificate of stock, or subscription to same, shall be made or delivered for a less amount than five (5) shares.

DEBTS.

SECTION 8. No debts shall be contracted for the Company except by order of the Board of Trustees, and then not in excess of the funds actually in the hands of the Treasurer.

DIVIDENDS.

SECTION 9. Dividends shall be made not in excess of the net earnings of the Company at the close of every fiscal year, which shall be on the thirty-first day of October, of every year, or oftener, as the Board of Trustees may see fit, and shall be apportioned only to the shares subscribed for.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 10. These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees.

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Friend Hearst      George Hearst Esq,

I have returned from  
Dry Canon the wildireshman Tummell  
is in thirty five feet I think not far  
from ore I have more hopes now than  
ever I have been to the Iron Mine  
the want you to come and see the mine  
the will sell at a fair price one Half  
Cash and one Half Stock there may be  
money in it the told me the were down  
192 feet on an Incline the ore runs from  
150 to 200 Dollars and from one foot to  
three feet wide the were putting in track  
and told me I could see nothing but  
any time you would come you could see  
the mine with pleasure

Hoping to hear  
From you with the return of Post  
I remain your friend as ever  
(How is Snow)      Marcus Daly



MEMORANDUM

- (1) Freight on matte or copper by the Union Pacific, or Northern Pacific railroads, from works at Anaconda, to their respective eastern terminals.....\$3.00 per net ton
- (2) On ore in carload lots from the mines in the Butte district to the works at Anaconda.....45c per ton
- (3) On wood from Mill Creek to works at Anaconda..40c p.cord
- (4) On wood from Mill Creek to mine, Butte district.60c p.cord
- (5) On wood from Elliston to works at Anaconda  
\$1.20 per cord
- (6) On wood from Elliston to mines, Butte district  
\$1.30 per cord
- (7) On wood from any other point to the works at Anaconda, or the mines Butte district, for not over fifty miles shall be charged in same proportion as rate from Mill Creek to Butte mines; and the rate for more than fifty miles shall be charged at same proportion as the rate from Elliston to Butte mines.

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- (8) The rate on lumber, fireclay, brick, stone, and other like freight, except as herein otherwise provided, between the mines at Butte and the works at Anaconda, and any point in Montana on the main line or branches, of the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, or Montana Union Railroads, shall not exceed the following schedule, actual mileage:-  
Less than fifty miles.....01.5 p.ton p.mile  
Over 50 miles, and less than 100 miles...01.3    "  
Over 100 miles        "        150    "     ....01.2    "  
Over 150        "        "        200    "     ...01.1    "  
Over 200 miles.....     ...01.        "  
(9) On coal from either the Montana Central, or Northern Pacific Railroads, by way of Butte, the proportion of the Montana Union in division of any through rate named shall be 50c per net ton, delivered weight.  
(10) There shall be no switching charge in any case where freight is charged, transported via either Garrison or Silverbow, or local business in connection with Montana Union Railway; it being understood that where a car has been placed by order of the Anaconda Company, and is subsequently moved by order of the same, a switching charge accrues.



(3)

- (11) Switching charges at Anaconda, either north or south of the creek.....\$2.00 per carload
- (12) Switching charges at Anaconda from the north to the south of the creek, or the reverse, shall be....\$3.00 per carload
- (13) The mileage charged shall be actual, mileage in all cases.
- (14) In the event that any lower rate than the above is allowed to any one, the Anaconda Company shall be entitled to the same lower rate.
- (15) The foregoing rates shall apply to any supply Company of the Anaconda Company, such as the Tuttle Manufacturing Company, the Standard Brick Company, the Bitter Root Development Company, etc.
- (16) The foregoing are the rates agreed upon to the 1st of November, 1892.

(sgd) J. B. HAGGIN.

(sgd) THE NOR PAC R.R. CO.

T. F. Oakes, Pres.

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- (1) Freight on matte or copper by the Union Pacific, or Northern Pacific Railroads, from works at Anaconda, to their respective eastern terminals.....\$8.00 per net ton
- (2) On ore in carload lots from the mines in the Butte district to the works at Anaconda.....45c per ton
- (3) On wood from Mill Creek to works at Anaconda, 40c per cord
- (4) On wood from Mill Creek to mines, Butte district  
60c per cord
- (5) Rate on Dillon rock to works at Anaconda, per ton per mile.....2c
- (6) The price of Rock Springs coal shall not exceed \$6.50 per net ton, delivered weight, up to the 1st of May, 1892. Thereafter \$6.25 per ton, and such quantities thereof shall be delivered at the mines at Butte, or at the works at Anaconda, as shall be called for by the Anaconda Company.
- (7) On coal from either the Montana Central, or Northern Pacific Railroads, by way of Butte, the proportion of the Montana Union, in division of any through rate named shall

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- be 80c per net ton, delivered weight.
- (8) There shall be no switching charge in any case where freight is charged, transported via either Garrison or Silver Bow, or local business in connection with Montana Union Railway; it being understood that where a car has been placed by order of the Anaconda Company, and is subsequently moved by order of the same, a switching charge accrues.
- (9) Switching charges at Anaconda, either north or south of the creek.....\$2.00 per carload
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Oct 21st, 1891.

(sgd) J. B. HAGGIN

(sgd) E. J. HARTY



THE ANACONDA CO.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD'S GREATEST MINE.

Millions of Tons of Ore Yet in Sight—New Ore Bodies at Low Depths—Cost of Producing Copper—The Report of the Expert.

Probably less has been known about the Anaconda in the past than of any other mining concern in the world. This has been due to the conservative policy of the company, to attend to its own business, and to "say nothing but saw wood." Therefore the report of Mr. Hamilton Smith, which is published below, will prove as interesting now as at any time in the company's history. It is taken from the current number of the Engineering and Mining Journal and is as follows:

This report has just been made to the Exploration company, limited, of London, and is dated November, 1895.

The following general description of the properties of the Anaconda Copper Mining company will be of interest to our friends who have lately purchased, in conjunction with ourselves, a large number of shares of that company.

The property was examined by Mr. James D. Hague in 1889, by Mr. Henry C. Perkins in 1890, and by Mr. Hague and myself in September and October of the present year; the Anaconda accounts have also been examined from time to time by accountants selected by us; we have, therefore, quite full information, both past and present.

Copper and Silver Mines.—The mining properties are of great extent and are situated in the state of Montana, most of them being in or near the city of Butte; the most important thus far worked have been the Anaconda, comprising three mines, and the Syndicate group, comprising five mines. These mines have been developed to a depth of 1,200 feet, and since 1880, when work was first commenced, have produced ore yielding very nearly 400,000 tons of fine copper, together with a large amount of silver and some gold. Until the late development of electrolytic refining, but little profit accrued from the precious metals.

The reserves of ore fairly in sight in these two groups of mines are very conservatively estimated by Mr. Hague to be 3,000,000 tons; the manager of the company estimates a much larger quantity. What is of far more consequence, however, than the question of reserves is the continuance of good ore with increasing depths; my general conclusions are quite hopeful in regard to this; at the depth of 1,150 feet in one of the mines an entirely new ore body has this year been discovered, carrying ore of high grade, and the deposit promises to be of large extent; this discovery I consider to be a most important indication, and impresses me with the belief that while some of the existing ore bodies may give out with deeper working, other ore bodies will be found to replace them. The extent of mining ground, known to be productive, owned by the company, is so great, that this fact indicates a long life to the property, even with working conducted upon the present gigantic scale. The mines can easily supply ore which will yield 5,000 tons of fine copper per month.

Reduction Works.—These are situated at the town of Anaconda, about 20 miles from Butte, the ore being hauled over a railway controlled by the company. There are two sets of works, an important safeguard in case of fire. Their united capacity for producing pig copper is easily 5,000 tons per month. An electrolytic refinery is now producing 1,500 tons of refined copper per month, and I hear from the trade that its quality is not equalled

process of manufacture. It started with no working capital, the idea being that by the end of 1895 the profits for the six months would be sufficient to pay off this debt, to complete all construction work, such as the new refinery, and thus to commence the year 1896 with a fair amount of working capital in hand.

Costs of Copper and Profits.—It might be injudicious to state the exact cost of producing copper, but I feel satisfied that it is less than that at any other of the large copper companies. This is due to the recovery at reasonable expense of the silver and gold contained in the pig copper by electrolytic refining. For the year 1895 the Anaconda silver product will probably be over 5,500,000 ounces fine, and over 22,000 ounces of fine gold. I think the Anaconda produces more silver than any other company in the world except the Broken Hills proprietary.

The profits to be expected depend so much upon the demand for copper and its price, that estimates must be largely conjectural. Supposing the company can market 50,000 tons per annum, even with a low range of prices, annual dividends of \$3,000,000 can be reasonably expected; with the price of copper maintained at the rates which have ruled for the past five months, the profits would be far in excess of this sum. For the year 1896, no matter if the net earnings are much more, it is the present intention of the management to only divide \$3,000,000 payable quarterly, and thus accumulate a considerable cash reserve. As there are 1,200,000 shares, this would be \$2.50 per share. Personally, I feel rather optimistic as to the demand for copper during the next two or three years; great quantities will be needed, I think, for the development of electric traction, and the civilized world will, I also think, have a period of great prosperity, which means an increased demand for copper.

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There has been much curiosity to know exactly what the Anaconda ore does run, and we are now in a position to state that the average during that half year was over 6.75 per cent. copper; that the average silver is about 24.5 ounces to the ton of ore, and that the gold collected in the six months amounted to about 12,000 ounces fine.

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sight, which would contain, based on the average contents during the first six months of this year, 168,800,000 pounds of copper, and 5,687,500 ounces of silver and about 29,500 ounces of gold. The outside properties have produced up to the same date about 2,500,000 tons of ore, and have now in sight at least 1,250,000 tons, and on their average contents for the first six months of this year this would add to the reserve 132,000,000 pounds of copper, 8,925,000 ounces of silver and 46,200 ounces of gold.

This is the first opportunity that has ever been given to thoroughly realize the magnitude of this, the largest copper property in the world. The only mines to compete with it in resources and in present output of copper are the Rio Tinto in Spain, which comes second, and the Calumet & Hecla, Lake Superior, which is third.

THE VETERANS ENTERTAIN.

A Very Enjoyable Evening With the Old Soldier Boys.

The few surviving veterans of the G. A. R. in Anaconda gave a novel entertainment at the opera house Monday night, which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. There were army sketches and inspiring tableaux, soul stirring music and elocution. The inevitable John Maguire, Montana's favorite theatrical manager, recited "Sheridan's Ride" in characteristic style. George Lyman's recital of "Benedict Arnold" was also a treat, as was Eber Golder's comic song. The event of the evening was the singing "The Marseillaise" by Mrs. Berraud. The veteran's celebrated brass band struck up the national air of France as the curtain rose on an inspiring picture. The old soldiers formed a background to the fair singer, saluting her. She was robed in the folds of the French flag, typical of the goddess of liberty. As the music of the band died away, Mrs. Berraud's powerful and melodious soprano voice filled the house with the enthusing music of the Marseillaise, and it was not long before the audience was in an uproar of enthusiasm. The incident of a daughter of France participating in the programme, and the veterans honoring her, appealed to patriotic sentiment and recalled the memory of the gallant Lafayette and his men in America's struggle for liberty. No such enthusiasm as Mrs. Berraud's singing and the tableau produced has been equaled in the opera house, and the lady received a perfect ovation.

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**Subsidiary Interests.**—The company owns a large timber estate with saw mills attached, a coal mine with a coke plant, an extensive foundry and machine shop, an electric railway and light company, a water supply company, a fine hotel at Anaconda, town properties in Anaconda, and brick works. It also owns 51 per cent. of the capital stock of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway company, now a prosperous enterprise. The company, therefore, produces most of its supplies, and could hardly be in a more independent position.

**Cost of Construction.**—Our accountants estimate that there has been expended upon the property about \$15,500,000 for construction and costs of subsidiary interest, which will give one some idea of the magnitude of the Anaconda. Take it for all and all, it can be considered the most extensive mining property in the world.

**Financial Condition.**—The company took over the property on July 1, 1895, assuming obligations amounting to about \$750,000, which were less than the value of the copper on hand in

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# PLAT OF THE TOWN OF ANACONDA

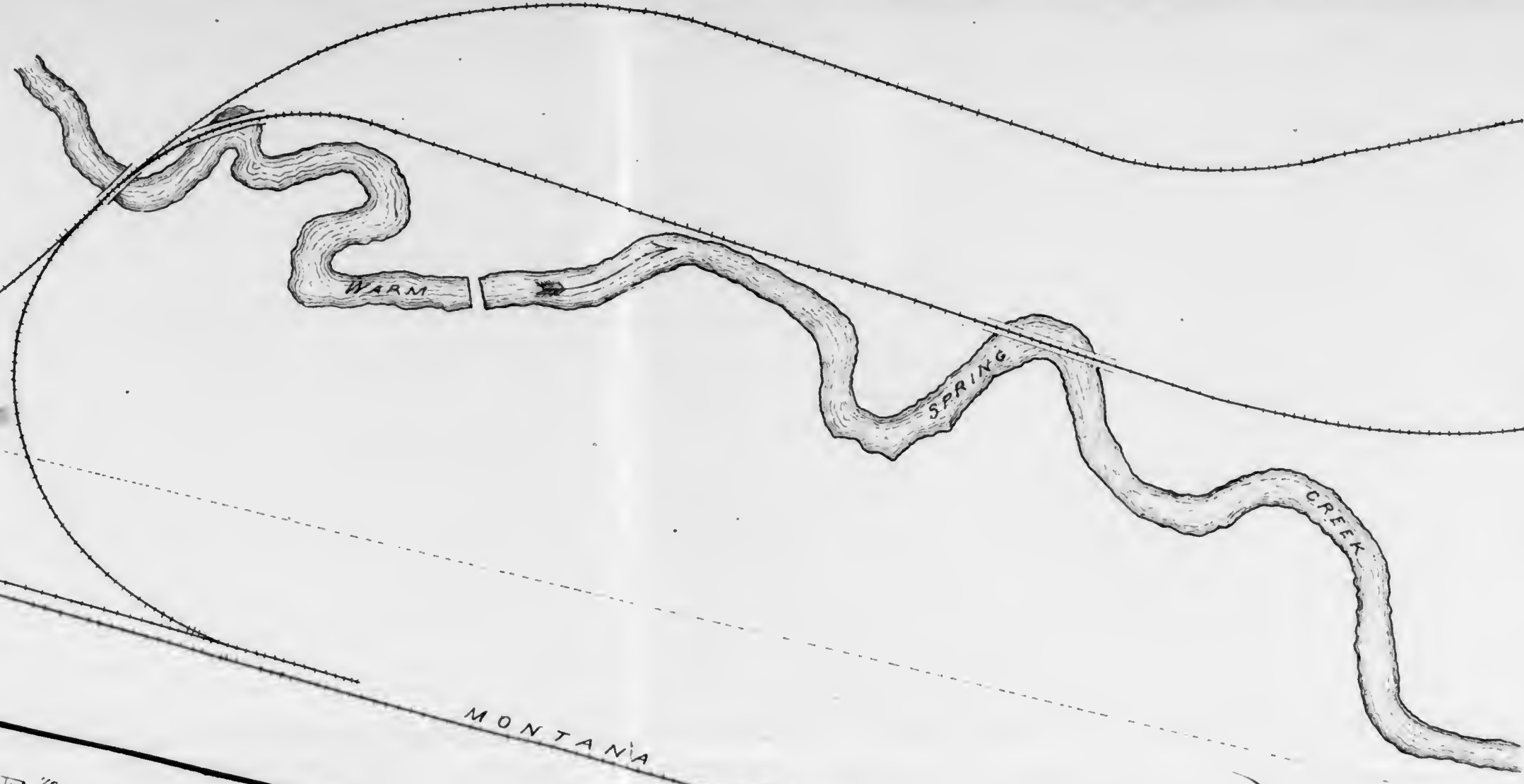
DEER LODGE COUNTY  
MONTANA.

Comprising part of Section 3, T. 4 N. R. 11 W.

Containing 4240 Acres.

SCALE 200 FT = ONE INCH.

SURVEYED BY  
BAKER AND HARPER.  
Butte City Montana.  
1884



MONTANA RAILWAY  
S. 76° 20' E 5466 FT.  
TO BUTTE 30 MILES

Hotel Montana  
Purchased by S. C. P. for hotel (long  
lots selected by S. C. P. for hotel  
New building going up on this corner  
Hotel Montana  
Shells owned by  
Hoge Daily Pub.  
Lots selected by S. C. P. 1877 & 1880  
Below plans are adapted from  
to see plans  
+ + + + + plus corner shown as amended



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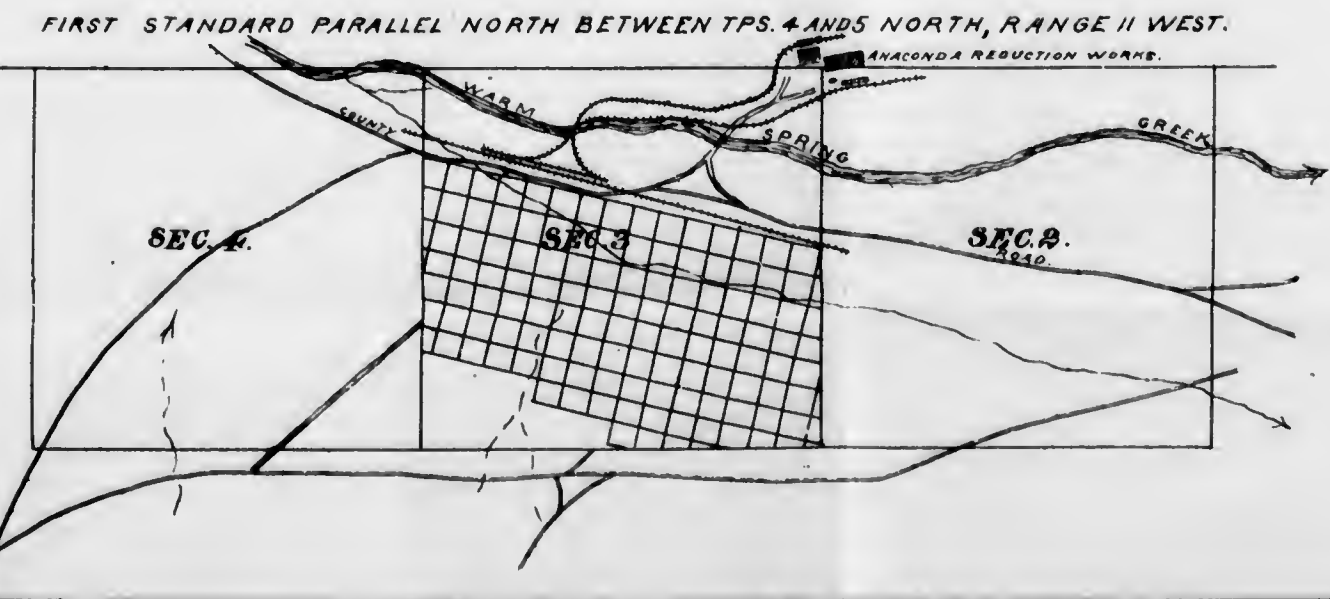


RAILWAY TO BUTTE 30 MILES  
S. 76° 20' E 5460 FT.

Hotel Montana  
Standard office  
Est. located by S. C. P. for Hotel Montgomery  
New building going up on this corner  
Plans adapted from  
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ANACONDA AND VICINITY.  
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Paiute Oct 1841

Friend Heald-

Chambers & my self  
returned from <sup>the</sup> Paiute  
today we got nothing they  
have a prospect - for two or  
three good mines there but  
nothing but prospects & they  
ask enormous prices

I will write you a full  
description from Salt Lake  
I start for there today

I will remain there five or  
six days & will then start for  
Arizona I have drawn on  
you for one thousand dollars  
for the expedition I expect to  
be gone for or five months un-  
less I find something sooner



The accounts from there  
is very good & I do think  
I will get out something good  
I will stop at Cave Creek &  
look at those mules if I buy them  
& a mule you I do not know  
whether I shall have money  
enough or not as I ought to  
have some with me that if I saw  
any thing good & wanted to secure  
it I could pay a few dollars for  
it

I wish if you have anything to  
suggest you would write me  
at Salt Lake as soon as you get  
this

The Perseus that beat Lightning  
is improving all the time & it looks  
as though that heavy body of min-  
eral was running into the ground  
you bought - well -  
I will write you again soon  
yours truly  
J. H. Atkinson



Salt Lake Oct 5) 71

Friend Hearst

Dear Sir

I promised you in a hasty note I wrote you from Poike I would give you a more full description of the Piute Mines I will do so  
The Boll Neck is situated at the south end of the belt - is in lime stone about one hundred & fifty ft long & parallel to a wide belt of shale or lime slate they have blasted of twenty or twenty five ft of the face of the precipice forty or fifty ft in length they get some very fine ore but in thin sheets or bunches the quartz is very much mixed with lime but shows a large mass The Ina half a mile north & lies about 750 ft from the shale belt is a parallel to a very large mass of lime quartz no walls as yet - they have run an incline about 40 ft in quartz & run through it The mineral layer is



the seams & occurs in small bunches high  
good good milking ~~was~~

The Silver Lake I liked the best  
it has more mineral & with greater  
regularity than ~~any~~ I looked at

The Santa Cruz a parallel led  
ge about 100 ft west & I think the  
same thing has a continuous ~~thin~~ sheet  
of good mineral on the foot wall about

~~1/2~~ 6 in thick but has had but  
~~very~~ little down on it. If the Silver  
Lake belong to the only regular  
ledge running through the belt I think

these four is the only ones we wanted  
to have any thing to do with

The Menzies & Keesal veins I saw  
of 1200 ft of the Ball Peak all of  
the Lina I saw of 1000 ft of Silver  
Lake & all of the Santa Cruz

for which they asked the market  
value of two hundred thousand  
dollars so there was no trade

I saw Hunter & Kelly & they prom-  
ised to keep a run of it for us &  
they are pasted they think they will  
have to sell soon & if it could be <sup>be had</sup> on good  
terms it might be worth ~~the~~ holding of

I do not know the day I start for Arizona  
as I am awaiting & hope to close out some  
mining interest I have at home

If I purchase a team & take a set of ad-  
ding tools & outfit generally I will have to  
have six or seven hundred dollars more but  
will try to get what will sell for all  
we will give for it if we should want  
to sell it

Everything I can learn from the  
Country I want to look at is very  
amazing indeed

Let me hear what you  
think of buying a team either by tele-  
graph or letter as soon as you receive this

I have enough that I have already drawn  
on you but it would take it all and  
I would have nothing left when I got  
to Arizona & I think I ought to have  
five or six hundred dollars as I am going  
to take time to find something if its in the  
Country

Let me hear from you soon  
adly

Yours truly  
J. H. Atchison



Mineral Park  
Aniwa, Kan. 25/71  
My Dear Sir

I have been here  
over a week but have not yet  
posted well enough to speak of  
the future of this territory but  
as far as I can judge its going to  
be a very rich mining territory  
I find a grate many large well  
defined Lead, good small Clay partings  
& as regular in their pitch & looks as any  
place I ever saw. Most all the ledges  
stand almost vertical & hold their size  
I have done some assaying & will do a good  
deal more this coming week so I can tell  
you a good deal by this time next week

I have found some very high grad ores as  
well as a good deal of low

There is a large quantity of galena car-  
bonates chlorides & considerable of horn si-  
lue & some good gold quartz

The territory is generally granite with  
large belts of quartz etc & gneiss. The  
course of the Lead is North & South and



parallel with the mountains

Shan had his two or three party  
in here before I got here that had  
tied up some of the best looking ledg  
es in the district by banding them  
for ninety days + some six months  
I can tell you my opinion about  
our chances to make money here in  
my next much better than I can  
today

Shan has his some mines here  
banded at enormous figures that has  
set most of the prospectors wild about  
prices

I will write you next  
week

yours truly

J. A. Atchison

If you should ~~write to~~  
write direct to Andy will Arizona

3:39

ONTARIO SILVER MINING  
COMPANY

ROBERT CRAIG CHAMBERS  
SUPERINTENDENT

1871-1877

PARK CITY, UTAH  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

72/204  
c



Salt Lake City U. T.  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr Geo Hearst

Dear Sir

I have drawn upon you to day for \$200<sup>00</sup> and Wells Fargo & Co cashed it for me. This is to pay for work done upon the Elizabeth location. on which we have done considerable work. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we were in debt \$138.<sup>52</sup> to the men for work and "Dunn" and myself paid the men off and put them to work again the 6<sup>th</sup>.

I did not draw upon you sooner thinking I could get your money out of McCarty but have failed to do so thus far. but he is full of promises.

The new mines that are working on the Lyon Hill are doing finely. and one party have struck a large cave running under the Tiger & Zella - and have not found the Eastern terminal yet. but find some Mineral. As not know

How extensive it is. A fine prospect  
has been struck immediately east  
of the Eastern line of Elizabeth which  
promises good. And I still think  
we ought to get something from  
our Ranch. Make those other fellows  
come out for their pro rata

Cap Rawlings had a letter of  
yesterday from Sam McMasters and  
he writes that Floyd has not  
changed for better or worse.

The Buel & Bateman mine at  
Bingham is sold & received at \$460000

Will write tomorrow

Yours

R. C. Chambers

R. C. Chambers  
Salt Lake City  
July 1871  
Re mines



Salt Lake City  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr Geo Hearst

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you yesterday in regard to your Sevier men Broun & Rink are both here and want to get sufficient pub &c to go on and prospect "Side of West" and from what they tell me, I am of the opinion that the investment is a good venture.

I come up here on a Telegram from Kirkpatrick - To come up on Susquehanna matters. And left Star matters with Saw McMasters - Sever ooks telegraphed me to be at Minersville the 8<sup>th</sup> inst - but I cannot - neither can any information as to where Sever ooks is or what he has on the Lapis - time will tell.

Capt Naucaerah goes to Floyd tomorrow to make report on the Sparrow Hawk &c - I may go with him to Manipulat - him some Express ready  
will write tomorrow

Yours truly

R. C. Chambers

Salt Lake City  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr George Hearst

Dear Sir

I have drawn upon you to day for \$500 - \$400 for Dr Brimell and One Hundred to assist me paying on our claim on Syon Hill

As to any claim Saw McMasters & myself may have against you - spoken of in your Telegram of to day - I prefer to let that rest until we may meet or my part of it at all events - As I may have no legitimate claim against you - at all events it will be easily settled. I have not the means to carry out some of my projects. Even now to day - to bear my expenses. And I had intended to propose to you to render me some assistance for necessary traveling expenses - and if I should get hold of anything good - or that there may be some cash in - divide to your satisfaction - If we did



or I did not succeed in getting hold of something - Then I would refund you when I could as we would agree. I will have no money until I sell something and I want to go to the Layington dist and on up the Range to Shell Creek &c.

Dr Brunell has not the Records certificate with him to show that you have one half of the "Sevier Mine" "Bell of Utah" but he has gave me the names he used & I think he is all right. Also Hess. tells me it is Recorded &c. And I think all is right.

Have some samples being assayed & will write you tomorrow when I know results

Yours Truly  
R. Chamberlain

Please write



Salt Lake City  
Dec 31st '71

Mr Geo Hearst

Dear Sir,

I have not  
wrote you since my return from  
from "Montana" because I learned  
that you were not in the city. And  
Mr Sawoaks will see you, and can  
give you much information of our  
trip. We found two places that  
prospects very favorable "viz" Dipond  
District and Quartz Mountain, which  
will be well to look after in the Spring.  
I am of the opinion that the "Mammoth  
mines" is more than Mammoth, in name  
and it is so situated that Capital would  
at once be favorably impressed with it,  
on account of locality & surrounding  
advantages. Good water, and any Gods  
quantity of grass at hand & abundant.  
But so little work has been done upon  
any of these mines, and the ground was



so covered with snow that but little could be seen. Swenoak's took copies of assays from above districts & can show you. But I do not think he has copies of enclosed assays from Barnock as I was at East Canon getting them when he left. The assays from "Doulan" are moderate & too poor - the Lode is very large they claim it to be "60 feet wide" which is an error I think. however it is wide, but there being six inches snow on the ground I could not make the necessary surface examination. The ore is from shaft 20 ft deep from best to poorest.

The Brick Pourroy is the best - good average I found for the purity of ore in sight - And I think will make a good mine if such can be found in Lime rock. The Croppings are large and strong and can be traced near a thousand feet. And they are now working & sinking upon it in four different places which will prove it pretty thorough.

The deepest hole or shaft - is about 18 feet deep and shows quite a quantity

of good ore - from this they have sold 21 tons of ore at \$30 - per ton = The vein here carries ore from 4 to 5 feet wide = They also sold 11 tons ore from No 4 shaft at \$30 - per ton - but this last is now pinched up small and shows but little ore at bottom. And any ore that will not work over \$100 - per ton they cannot sell. as this is chloride & sulphurett ore = Baum & Co only use the best in their smelting furnaces to bring up the value of their Base bullion -

Sam Mc does not think near so well of this mine as I do. I examined and sampled it closely - and think it a pretty good chance for a mine - and deserving attention in the future as development progresses. One half of this could be had for \$5000 - working Capital to be all expended upon the mine - and \$20000 - when Cash when the \$5000 - is expended in the development - provided we should want the property - with  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all ore taken from mine = If the weather had not been so extremely cold - I would have



Made some stir about this property -  
 But the winters up there are Sighting  
 and I concluded to let it lay till next  
 Spring - And they are to send me samples &  
 keep me posted - as the shafts obtain depth.

I have been very anxiously  
 awaiting a letter from Uncle John  
 Atchison, in regard to Arizona -

Sam McMasters started this day  
 to Piche to take charge of Am Flag  
and Chicago Mill. Stargant went  
 with him to do the assaying at the  
Raymond & Ely Mill = Times dull  
 here - and roads very bad

Why is not Dums bill paid by Willis  
 Dumm sends his regards

Yours truly  
 R. C. Chambers

Write me

Samples Assayed by F. C. Stargant  
 for R. C. Chambers Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1871

		Silver
No 1	Boulder Lode - Galena Ore 50% Lead	146 05
" 2	" " Blue grey porous Quartz	29 84
" 3	" " Base. Arsenic Iron & Galena 13% Lead	26 70
4	" " General Quartz	39 26
5	" " poorest do -	14 13

No 1	General Average Shaft	57 83
" 2	do do do	73 82
" 3	1 <sup>st</sup> class ore genl average	245 04
" 4	from bottom of Shaft <sup>No 4</sup> 12 ft deep No 4	15 71
" 5	1 <sup>st</sup> class ore from Shaft - No 2	427 26

Charter Oak - Sample one piece 114 65

Pavitan Sample from 1<sup>st</sup> class dump 257.61

Salt Lake City  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1871

Dear Sir Salt Lake



Proche City Nov 21st '71

Friend Horst

I arrived here today  
Met Geo. Steherson. and will go with  
him to Iron Point - and may call here  
again upon my return. Uncle John  
insists upon my going down with him  
or I would not go. I should like to  
have seen you to explain "Star" matters.  
We will get the ground if we can do  
so safely. Last Assays from the New Shaft  
are from good sample \$346.17 = and from Coal  
Sample \$119.37 = Sam will watch progress  
until I return. The poor looking lime ore  
you sent by Stage driver ~~sent~~ "Marked Great  
Western" went \$28.26 = When "Sam" first looked  
at it he said it would not go a trace but  
upon examination with glass found it contained  
some fine Sulphurets = I suppose the ore to be "Devils  
Gr. Western". It is strange I did not recollect  
your coat = But Tom Mc wrote to send your  
overcoat, which puzzled my mind. However I  
soon found the coat after reading your letter



Enclosed find your Rail Road Ticket  
from Me + myself think best to send it  
in this - as the coat may not reach you  
in time. Some time ago I drew a  
check upon "Majors" for the \$61.00 we owe  
on Lyon Hill + sent to "Daly" to pay up.  
Think of nothing more now. Write me  
all about things - at any time soon

Yours truly  
R. Chambers

I send your coat  
by Express today  
to Concord

Mr Norvell has bought the Ratcliff  
ground at Sevier for \$3.00 per foot  
275 feet  $\times 3 = \$825.00$  - Norvell owes you  
\$300 - ~~Send check for balance~~ balance \$525.00  
Norvell draws upon you for balance  
Will draw the 25th inst for the \$525.00



Friend Hearst  
Salt Lake Jan 1st 1872

Saw 12 days ago  
Saw McMaster telegraphed to  
his Bro "Tom Mc" asking if he  
had better buy - Raymond & Ely - than  
at \$71 - And Tom answered by  
letter to hold on for further development

Now it is quoted at \$94 -  
Will they be able to break it down  
to \$60 - " What do you think.

Of course this is private

We think American flag is  
good at \$10 - pr share - and  
I may tell you by wire to buy  
some for me

Saw went for  
Rochester yesterday  
Yours  
R. B. Chambers

Ans on receipt - please

Friend Hearst  
Salt Lake City Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 73

I have sold 44 tons Ontario  
Ore to McIntosh for  
assay value {  
\$239.00 46620# nett @ \$156.00 pr ton of 2000# 3636.36  
\$250.70 31913# " @ 160 % ton " " 2503.04  
\$195.00 9879 " " 100 " " " 493.95  
7/88 412 = 44 tons = 412# \$6633.35

This is all now hauled  
in, and roads are in such condition that we  
will probably not get any more hauled for  
some time. The mine is all right.

City Rock - sold for \$35,000 - paid  
by cable. Ely paid balance of \$2,000 -  
got property at \$37,000 - and costs will  
make \$38,000 - in all. Macintosh tried  
hard to play Berry & Ely out of it, but failed  
consequently will not get one cent interest  
in any shape. I got "Clayton" to report  
by cable on my sampling & notes, which  
I made when "Dr Statters" & I were there.  
Macintosh deferred from day to day to go up  
until time was at hand, then refused



to go at all - So I got "Clayton" to report  
instead. Storms were so bad "L" could not  
go up. but say nothing of this part of it.

Sedan is in Law - I am  
trying to fix up with both parties  
Write me when you leave

Belmont

Yours

Rebhamberg



Salt Lake City  
Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1873

My dear Friend Wend

I have not written you for some time, as I did not know where a letter would reach you. Prof Kustel said you came with him to "Austin" & would soon go to San Francisco. Therefore I will try & post you on the state of the Country this evening.

Cottonwood has had a rough time in shape of snows & snow slides. I have had two talks with "Sedan" owners, and they are stiff for \$30,000- for the Mine. And also the whole ground is claimed by "Paddock & Jones" by prior location and have commenced suit for the ground. I will watch any chance to buy both parties if they can be had at fair figures.

I have done nothing with "Champion" & "wild Irishman" with Jim Morrison yet, but think I will get hold of the Mine if we want it. Morrison has bonded 1100 feet in the original location of "Rich" at \$2800- payable May 1<sup>st</sup> and I am sorry I allowed him to go to "Rich" as I think I could have done better.

The "Amelia" is reported to be showing well.



Also the "Stoker" has got a 4 ft vein of rich Ore. Davenport has got a new & large body of Ore within the last week. The last \$10,000. payment for "City Rock" was made a few days ago. & Benz & Cely is in good humor again. and \$20,000. of working Capital will soon be here. "Emma" holders here have been blue, shares were down to 10¢ a few days ago.

I heard from "Ontario" the 20<sup>th</sup> it was about the same in the tunnel (5 inches) Owing to melting snow we had to go at timbering the shafts from surface down 20 ft as they started caving. I have taken all precaution so as not to spoil appearances, & will stop the tunnel on lode in good places. Will then keep only 2 men at work on East Chance tunnel.

I have visited "Bingham" several times lately, and have been trying to get some cheap but good property there, but thus far price asked is too much. I will expect you to stand in anytime I get what I think to be a good trade.

When that Railroad is built, those low grade Ores will be in demand, & can be delivered at a good profit. And this winter is the time to get hold of pretty good prospects cheaper - by far than hereafter, I believe.

21<sup>st</sup>

I think the "Review" (spoken of to you by Holcomb) a good buy at \$10 or \$12,000. Clayton & I looked at it again & he thinks well of it.

So give me your views on above upon receipt. I know of some property at "Lentic" which would do to send to Mr Snow. It is good prospects & may make fine mines. Is Snow in shape now to do anything, or do you hear from him.

I go to Sever next week to collect some other mines to go with B.B. & W. And also to settle up generally, at last news Jan 16<sup>th</sup> they had a nice body of ore in B.B. and had quit on Webster leaving a good showing of Ore in face of tunnel. Four men have worked this month and they stop tomorrow Saturday. so I think both will show much better now than for past 3 months.

All work would have stoped sooner but my letters were not recd. the evidently went to "Bullionville" first, then back. I now think it was better it so happened. I will see in a few days, after a long search I found W & B.B. "mortgage" here. had it.

Holcomb goes East next week & I am to send to him <sup>bound</sup> at New York. write me any suggestions. and soon  
Yours truly  
R. Chamberly



Salt Lake City  
Jan'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1874

My dear friend George

I am very sorry to hear that you are sick again, which I incidentally learned through "Scott Dunham & Co." - I fear you are still taking too many chances, by making those long and tiresome trips, especially in bad weather. And I hope Mrs. H. will soon return to take care of you, & put the brake upon you when necessary. I did not go out yesterday - had to stop & get some work done at the Foundry here - and will go out Friday.

We think we will start the works Saturday or Monday at the farthest. The works are good throughout, and we will have the best hoisting works in the Territory. We stopped sinking the shaft last Sunday, it is now 86 feet deep.

The last 30 feet is in porphyry, containing considerable silica. "Clayton" says it is what is termed "diuritic porphyry" and considers it a very favourable ore. I only fear that it may throw the lode - or cause a break in it where it comes in contact. It being on the hanging wall side, it may go down

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until it strikes the lode, and then form the hanging wall, which I hope it may do. I found some indications of porphyry in the extreme end of the East Tunnel. In the Tunnel west of the Ravine there is no indications of any change of rock. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> I have paid off many of my men, and have reduced the force, and propose to only run the Shaft for the present.

After a short time I may run the East-chance Tunnel 50 or 60 feet further, or until we cut the lode, as I am now sure it continues west. We have it in good shape but think it low grade.

A report is circulated here that you made a little hit of \$75000 - in Ophir. Hope you did. I felt much disappointed that I did not get a little "Belmont" when all of you knew of it ultimate advance. Our friend "Dunn" promised to talk to you about the "Magnolia".

I drew upon you to day in favor of Walker Bros. for \$800<sup>00</sup> one day after sight.

I have had much trouble lately about Webster & B.B. Patent papers, & have had to send to the mine again. I hope soon to have them correct again. Hoping you are not seriously sick - Believe me as ever your friend  
Will write when I return

} R. B. Leach



PAID  
Wells, Fargo & Co.  
OVER OUR CALIFORNIA AND COAST ROUTE



*Beechey*

*George Hearst Esq  
San Francisco  
Cal<sup>a</sup>*



No. 1.

# Western Union Telegraph Company.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

WILLIAM ORTON, President, } New York.  
G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, }

Salt Lake 19 Oct 874

Received at Virginia, Nev.

19 187 4<sup>30</sup> M.

To Geo Hearst  
Care Capt Rawlings

Evenoaks trial postponed  
until Nov third see  
letter

Chambers  
Spd Ya

Ontario Mine  
Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1877

Dear Hearst

Your of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> inst only  
reached me to day - I am under many  
obligations for your management of my  
"Modoc" stock. And I would have  
ordered it sold some time before but  
I was afraid my friends would have  
to buy it - I hope you will get out  
all right - ~~it~~ - ~~get~~ - Enclosed find draft  
on "Mr West" for four thousand dollars -  
\$2500<sup>00</sup> is for your private share as you desire  
in your letter - And the remaining \$1500<sup>00</sup>  
you can invest - as you see proper - and we  
will divide profits if any accrue -

Your friend  
R. Chambers



Ontario Mine  
Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1877

Dear Hearst

Yours of 15<sup>th</sup> inst only  
reached me to day - I am under many  
obligations for your management of my  
"Modoc" stock.. And I would have  
ordered it sold some time before but  
I was afraid my friends would have  
to buy it - I hope you will get out  
all right - on it - yet - Enclosed find draft  
on "Mr J B Haggis" for four thousand dollars..  
\$2500<sup>00</sup> is for your private use as you desire  
in your letter - And the remaining \$1500<sup>00</sup>  
you can invest - as you see proper and we  
will divide profits if any accrue -

Your friend  
R Chamberlain



(FORM 16.)  
Please leave  
margin in your  
reply similar to  
this.

OFFICE OF THE

ONTARIO SILVER MINING Co.

Park City, Utah, Feb 8 1879

Dear Aarast

Enclosed find letter of Mark Daly" which explains itself" now all this is strictly confidential, as Walker" must not know he writes to me "thusly!" If he writes me to go up there immediately, it will be upon a former understanding between us in regard to a mine or mines there." And if he does will you & Mr. Haggin stand in for expenses of trip." I am posted on the Country from Daly & Clayton both and there may be some good things to be gotten hold of cheap." All the Walker & Dalys' mines only cost them about \$8,000<sup>00</sup>." You can show Dalys' letter to H. & talk the matter over" I could not leave here for 2 or 3 weeks yet."

The mill is now running full capacity & promises well. I shipped to Salt Lake & Bass this morning. I was at the mine



to day, and all is going well. Bell  
& Stefelat will leave here for your city  
next week - and can post you very  
thorough upon all works. I have  
not heard from you since I sent off  
on J.B.A. did you receive it or not?  
I am pushed for time to get in monthly  
report - but will do so in a few days -  
Be careful of enclosed letter burn it

Yours truly  
R. Chambers

January 29<sup>th</sup> 1897

Butte City Deer Lodge Co  
Montana

R. Chambers Salt Lake City  
French Chambers

In my next issue  
I give you instructions  
How to handle the  
then will be no  
disappointment

I received your letter but as I was not positive  
as to the future of butte I did not answer  
In regard to the location of the Camp and the  
formation I must not say as Clayton no doubt  
has posted you I will confine my remarks to  
the alibi mine which is only a small portion  
of this wonderful District. I started a shaft  
about the middle of the ~~of the~~ road expecting  
to strike the foot wall in 20 feet then to run  
an incline on the road I sunk 96 feet before  
I cut the foot wall passing through several  
fine bodies of ore at the 96 foot level I commenced  
to cross cut <sup>at the</sup> from the foot wall I cut through



13 feet of ore that will average 75<sup>ths</sup> in silver  
and 50<sup>ths</sup> in gold next to this is 5 feet of low grade  
that will not average over 50<sup>ths</sup> in gold & silver  
next to this is blue Quartz of which the face  
of the Croft cut is now in that will assay 150<sup>ths</sup> in  
silver & 50 in gold no hanging wall yet how is  
this old boy now I look at this camp as I can  
look back on Virginia in 61 with the chances  
largely in favor of Butte this is only one  
mine in fifty which Clayton will tell you  
but do not let him see this letter I am well  
posted on the camp be prepared to start  
for Montana on receipt of my next letter you have  
no business at that end as important as the trip  
to Butte I have now done my duty as a friend  
answer with the return of post

let Dan see this letter  
then destroy it  
Dahy

Your Friend as ever  
Marcus Dahy



Ontario Mining Co.,

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1874

My dear Aunt

Yours of 13<sup>th</sup> is at hand & contents noted. I agree with you that we ought to stand the expense ourselves. then there will be no chance for any dissatisfaction, if the trip costs \$200- or \$500-. You have the letter and know as much about as I do, also know that "Mark" would not deceive us wilfully. I have also had full descriptions of the country from "Clayton" and last fall I tried to buy an interest in the Walker Bros venture but they did not care to sell, then I arranged with "Mark" to keep me posted. If the excitement does not spread, mines can be bought at low figures there. Walker only paid \$8000<sup>00</sup> for three mines, and others could be had at same ratio. therefore I think it would be best for me to go alone first, and if practical

2/2/1860 would some mines for as long time as can  
then you could take any one & visit them.

It is a good country for wood, water, & grass  
& easy of access. I am expecting to hear

from "Mark" again every day. And very probably  
he will insist upon me going at once, if so

I will write you immediately, it is a thing  
we ought not to neglect, if he advises  
immediate action.

Your friend  
R Chambers

Private

Private



3:40

UTAH SILVER MINING COMPANY, LTD.

JOHN R. MURPHY

1866-1872

72/204  
c

Austin June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Geo. Herst Esqr  
Sir

Having become interest-  
-ted in the Mines belonging to the "Taylor and  
Passmore" Mining Company Cortez District Nev.  
And acting for the majority of that Company. I have  
to call on you for your share of one eighth (1/8) of  
the sum total expended on the Companies Mines up  
to date. Amounting to Twelve hundred and Ninety  
Nine (\$1299<sup>00</sup>) dollars in gold coin. As Fifty feet  
of the Companies property stands in your name. and  
forms one eighth of the same; It will be necessary for  
you to forward to me here the sum of one hundred  
and Sixty two <sup>3</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (\$162<sup>3</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) dollars by return of mail  
to obviate the necessity of proceeding against the property  
so appearing in your name. for the recovery of that sum  
by legal process.

Your early attention will much  
oblige.  
Yours very respectfully

Wm. V. Murphy

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1881

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Salt Lake City Utah Territory  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Geo Hearst Esqr

Sir

Will you be good enough to  
send me the amt. coming to me from sale of those  
Shares of 100. in the Sparrow Hawk Mine as I understand  
from Mr. Shaw the money has been paid over.

I understood Mr. Miller & my friend Mr. Hosmer to  
say that the Stock remained in your hands for Mr. H.  
& myself - be good enough to let me hear from  
you? When, if at all - do you propose to come to  
Utah again? I should like very much to have a personal  
interview with you regarding a batch of Mining Prop-  
-erty which I have bargained for in Lucin district, where  
Lucas & Bateman are now operating - There are amongst  
them two mines of immense size - and the biggest kind  
of a promise for immense mines. I have bonded the  
whole for a very reasonable amt. and on nine months  
time, and have to do certain work on the mines, at my  
own expense - and give two of the owners who helped  
me to secure the property \$500<sup>00</sup> each - I would like very  
much to have you come into the arrangement - equal Shares  
and paid one half the expense - which in all is not to exceed  
\$3,000<sup>00</sup> - and then assist me in final disposal of the  
mines -

Should you entertain the proposition of joining me  
in the matter, I will give you a detailed description  
of the whole thing.

Yours very respectfully

J. B. Murphy



Salt Lake City Utah  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr. P. Murphy  
1871

Geo. Hearst Esqr  
Dear Sir

I wrote you to San Francisco  
Some 8 days past, and fearing my letter may not reach  
you there owing to your long continued absence, I thought  
I would drop you a line on the same subject to Piche  
where I have just heard you were at present.

I wished to say to you that I have secured a very  
fine piece of mining property in Beels new district Lucas  
5 miles from R. Road the ledge (at least one of them) is of large  
size and promises to be an immense mine. I have five others  
in connection with this, any one of which promises as well  
as did the Beel Mine. I have also secured another big  
mine of recent discovery in Corley, a ledge 40 feet wide  
of milling and the milling returns of 30 tons shows, 8 tons 1<sup>st</sup>  
class \$825<sup>00</sup> per ton, 10 tons of 2<sup>nd</sup> class, \$230<sup>00</sup> per ton and 12  
tons of third class \$130<sup>00</sup> per ton, the mine is opened on the  
face of the mountain to a depth of 65 feet & across the ledge  
30 feet, and still driving across it, the outcrop is plain &  
distinct to a width of full 40 feet, and along the location  
1000 feet - now without going further into particulars at  
present, my object in writing you is mainly to say that  
I am well satisfied this mine will do to stock in San  
Francisco

As results in a large way can be obtained from it by  
actual working, I do not wish you to say anything  
about it to any one until you see it first. Should you  
decide to do so. Mr. C. C. Perkins is in with me in its  
purchase, we would be willing for you to come in with  
us  $\frac{1}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  to work it up. The ores of this mine are different  
from any ever yet found in Cortez, and away from all  
other locations. The ores are exactly like Plöck's ores.

I know a good mine when I see it and I can assure  
you this is one I want you to see it soon as possible  
we have secured it at a very reasonable price.

Let me know at once if you can come this way  
to go with me on your return trip and see it?

I want you if you are not coming this  
way to send me a draft or order for the amt. of  
my stock in the "Sparrow Hawk", being somewhat short  
in funds just at the moment. I would like if you could  
send me the amt. here.

Let me hear from you soon as possible  
on the subject of that mining matter. The mine is being  
continuously worked and will be all through the winter, so  
that there will be a good chance to see and examine it  
most any time.

Respectfully yours  
Geo. R. Muesel  
I should think



Utah Silver Mining Company, Limited,

BINGHAM CANYON.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1872

Friend Herst-

Having twice telegraphed you to Eureka & receiving no answer, I concluded you could not be in that place. On my way from the Bay City homeward I learned of your being in Eureka & now drop you a line to say I would like you to send me the amt coming to me from that Camp Floyd ("Sparrow Hawk") stock. You can send me a check on San Francisco to my address, Box 408 P. Office Salt Lake City.

Yours respectfully  
John R. Murphy

3:41

MINES-UTAH

MISCELLANEOUS

1871, n.d.

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R. WARBURTON, H. S. GOWANS.  
**Warburton & Gowans,**  
 CONVEYANCERS.  
 R. WARBURTON,  
 County Recorder.  
 H. S. GOWANS,  
 NOTARY PUBLIC,  
 VINE STREET, TOOELE.

OFFICE OF

**WARBURTON & GOWANS,**

COURT HOUSE,

Tooele City, Utah Territory, April 23<sup>d</sup> 1871

Set by W. G. B. to G. O. S.

R. C. Chambers

Salt Lake City - To

Mr Warburton

Recording Deed - - - - -	\$ 2.00
Abstract of Sparrowhawk	1.50
do of Last Chance	1.50
	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

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OFFICE OF

**WARBURTON & GOWANS,**

COURT HOUSE,

Tooele City, Utah Territory, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1871.

R. C. Chambers Esq.

Dear Sir, Enclosed please  
 find Deed O. E. Bates to R. C. Chambers duly  
 Recorded. - please acknowledge receipt.

Respt  
 R. Warburton  
 Recorder

Fee for Recording said Deed. \$1.50



Whereas Ballard S. Dunn, claims to be the owner of the following quarries, mines, or ledges of slate, suitable for roofing, and situated in the "Antelope Mining District" in the Territory of Utah, - namely -

- 1<sup>st</sup> "The Vischer"
- 2<sup>d</sup> "The Matilda"
- 3<sup>d</sup> "The Central"

And also of the following quarries, mines, or ledges of slate, situated in the same district and suitable for flagging and other purposes, - namely -

- 1<sup>st</sup> "The Venture"
- 2<sup>d</sup> "The Red Bird"
- 3<sup>d</sup> "The Virginia"
- 4<sup>th</sup> "The Georgia"
- 5<sup>th</sup> "The Florida"
- 6<sup>th</sup> "The Iowa"

Each of said claims being fifteen hundred feet long by six hundred wide,

And whereas the said Dunn agrees to sell the said quarries, mines or ledges to the parties hereto of the second part, for



the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in United States gold coin upon the conditions herein set forth.

Now therefore, we the undersigned mutually agree with each other, and with said Dunn, to pay to him the said sum, in the proportions set against our names on or before the day of A. D. Eighteen hundred & seventy five, upon the execution by said Dunn to us or our assigns as tenants in common, in said proportions, of deeds good and sufficient to convey the said quarries, mines or ledges.

Provided it be found upon examination that his title to the same is good and unincumbered, and provided further that it be found that the statements in the written report of J. B. Gardine and Elias Morris hereto annexed is correct in fact.

And provided further that this agreement shall be of no effect, not binding upon any of the parties hereto unless the whole of said sum

shall be subscribed and paid ac-  
cording to the terms thereof.



Notice

North Pocatilla Ledge &c

We the undersigned Claim & locate Twelve  
hundred feet on this ledge being the first  
by extension of the Pocatilla ledge and starting  
at the north end and running in a westerly  
by direction Twelve hundred feet  
subject to the course of the ledge  
with all the Privileges granted  
by the Mining Law

Dec: 21 1862 Joseph H. ...

- W. C. ...
- J. R. ...
- Isaac Anderson
- John ...
- B. Patten

This being a true copy  
of the one on record

Notice

North Pocahontas Lumber

We the undersigned claim to have been  
advised that in the spring of 1880 the last  
extension of the Pocahontas Lumber and  
the North and are running in a  
direction from the head of  
the river to the common old  
mouth of the Pocahontas  
of the Lumber Co.

Wm. H. [unclear]  
J. H. [unclear]  
J. H. [unclear]  
J. H. [unclear]  
J. H. [unclear]

This being a true copy  
of the one on record

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.



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Statement of the Working of the Merramuck  
Minn. Furnace. Singshaw Canyon. from April 1<sup>st</sup>  
1842 to Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1842 or a period of 4 1/2 months

Amount Ore mined & delivered  
at the furnace Apr 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 tons

Assay Value of the 1840 tons  
head 37<sup>5</sup> per cent head  
Silver 52<sup>4</sup> Oz

Pullion made from above  
1840 tons Ore 649<sup>99</sup> tons containing  
94062<sup>81</sup> Oz Silver. Same was  
Sold head inclusive for \$160,471.97

Value Pullion on hand Aug 15  
Unsold. but a part of above 14000.00  
Total value \$174,471.97

Expenses  
Cost of Mining as per books \$10,442  
of which amount \$7000 was  
Spent in dead work. Viz  
furnace furnels, building  
Highway from Minn to furnace &c.  
Cost of Smelting as per books \$82,845 \$93,284.00  
Net profit \$81,184.97

There is to be added also to the Net  
profit a large excess of materials  
on hand Aug 15<sup>th</sup> over April 1<sup>st</sup> which



was purchased during that  
time, and included in the  
cost of smelting, as above

Sales of Pulleton was as follows

Omaha Smelting Refining Co	
23 Cars Pulleton for Ryan & Wendate	73,043.76
8 Cars Pulleton E. Wilkes	24,849.24
21 Cars Pulleton	62,548.27
	\$160,441.27

During the above 4 1/2 months owing  
to want of coal, only one furnace was  
run. Now have coal on hand and  
contracted for, to run two furnaces  
1 Year

The property consists of  
Winnamuck Mine 2400 feet title  
United States patent  
Dixon Mine 2400 feet title  
good United States patent Applied for  
Smelting Works complete  
Containing two furnaces both running  
mine ledge. At mouth of Canyon  
for fuel!  
Buildings Land Water right Spring  
H.C.C.

Since bond was given they have  
stuck a New 6 foot vein of Ag.  
which assays 51% head 44% by Silos

Also a large vein Milling ore  
sufficient to run a 10 Stamp Mill.  
Milling ore samples 87.02