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The Portis Gold Mine Of Today.

Right here in the northeastern section of Franklin county, N. C., is located one of the richest placer gold mines in the world. A gold mine discovered nearly three-quarters of a century ago, and possessing a valuation of over $50,000,000 as shown by the tests of ten of the most eminent expert mining engineers in the United States. These examinations cover a period of more than one year, and have required an expenditure of more than $30,000.00.

Gold was discovered upon this property in 1842 by a Jew peddler, and the first work in mining was done by John Portis who came in possession of the property. Portis knew nothing about mining but he took from the ground enough gold to satisfy his simple requirements.

After some years Portis leased the property to Plum Austin for a period of ten years. With the most primitive methods of moving the dirt with ox carts and wheelbarrows, and recovering the gold by rocking and "long toms," yet in ten years he took from this property $500,000.

The property passed from Portis to one Thomas, who in turn sold it to Colonel Sturgis.

About all the gold North Carolina had during the war came from this mine. A million dollars was turned into the mint at Charlotte, N. C., prior to the Civil War.

During the eighties Colonel Sturgis granted an option to one Bailey who built a five-stamp mill, and hauled the rock by mule train. Colonel Sturgis refused to renew Bailey's lease. For several years he let the property to negroes for 25 per cent of the gold.

Some years ago the property was leased to Senator Jones, of Nevada, for $8,000.00, and he was later to purchase at $250,000.00. However, Senator Jones was forced from the field by Colonel Sturgis raising the price to $1,000,000.00.

The Portis mine produced over $1,000,000.00 prior to 1875.

The history of this mine would make a book but we must come to the facts concerning the mine of the present day:

The property has a length of one mile and width of three-quarters, and embraces 500 acres of land, well timbered and well watered, Fishing creek, Gold Run branch, and other streams and creeks crossing and bounding the property and furnishing all the water required for any present or future operations.

The property is covered to an unknown depth by "saprolite" or rotten rock which bears free gold in fine flakes and small nuggets with occurring pockets which show values from $200 to $2,000. Frequent veins of feldspar quartz are found and these carry bright granular gold in very fine particles. The extensive tests which have been made show a conservative value of more than $50,000,000 in the property.

Now, some will say: "Why hasn't this property been developed if it is worth so much?" A satisfactory answer is that no machinery has been invented until recently which would successfully and economically separate the gold from the clay. It has taken years of experimental work to build and perfect a machine which will handle the clay of this property.

The present Portis Gold Mining Company own the property. They have spent two years with a small plant making mine running tests and experimenting to find a means of handling the clay which is scattered throughout the saprolite district, and which always proved a source of great trouble in old types of washing machines. The solution of the washing problem has made this mine a financial success and will be used in other mines throughout North Carolina.

A new plant has been erected which has a capacity of 1,000 cubic yards per day. The digging machinery consists of a Crawford Bucket of one and one-half cubic yards capacity. This bucket operates on a cable way of 800 feet span. This machine represents the most modern and powerful type of excavating machinery manufactured by the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, of New York. The cable way is supported by steel towers 70 feet high which are carried on wheels so as to revolve in a complete circle 1,600 feet in diameter. The bucket is automatic and digs the dirt without being touched by hand. As soon as the bucket is filled it is hoisted to the main cable on which it travels at a speed of 1,200 feet per minute to a pivot tower, where it dumps automatically and immediately starts back for another load. The material as it drops from the bucket slides down an incline chute over a grizzly which screens out roots, stumps and rocks over six inches in diameter. The smaller rocks and earth drop through the grizzly into the jaws of a specially designed rolling crusher, which crushes the rock and shreds the dirt until it is of the size of ordinary brown sugar.

This crusher will dispose of 2,000 yards per day. The product as it leaves the crushing rolls is intercepted by a ten inch stream of water which is pumped from a river a mile away, and which is delivered to a nozzle under high prssure. From this point the mixed earth and water is led into the mechanical disintegrater and separater which breaks up the small balls of clay and earth until the whole mass is in solution in the water and ready to be carried over the riffles and gold saving tables. Several special features have been introduced in the gold saving end of the plant so as to secure the very fine float gold which is frequently lost. These devices take up a larger part of the sluice which is nearly 500 feet long. Consequently there is no chance for even a small part of the gold to be lost. The whole machinery is built in a substantial manner, no expense being spared to secure a plant of higher efficiency and economical operation.

While there are three large engines and four powerful machines which are used in digging the earth and saving the gold besides a pumping plant, yet, it takes only eight men to operate the entire plant, five of whom are ordinary laborers. This shows that the economy of operation has practically reached its limit in this plant. The entire expense of labor, fuel, supplies and repairs is only six cents per cubic yard of earth handled. Ninety-eight per cent of the values are recovered by the methods adopted here against eighty-five per cent in most mining camps.

Over $250,000 is invested in this plant, and plans are being made for and additional unit of double the size of the present one.

Other prominent capitalists are in this vicinity taking options and buying property.

Such prominent engineers as the Guggenheims, Edwin R. Holding, Richard H. Sanders, A. C. Beckwith, Arthur S. Noble and R. Kemp Welch have submitted reports and investigations on this property and as a result of which they have become heavily interested.

Mr. O. T. Swytzer, an experienced miner, is in charge of the plant which was designed and installed under the direction of Mr. C. A. Wentworth, Consulting Engineer, 705 Empire Building, Philadelphia.

We were shown over the plant through the courtesy of Dr. E. D. Dier, vice-president of the company.

The great financial benefit to the local community besides the immense amount of money invested and the practical production of gold means a great deal to the State.

R. H. BURNS,
Special Correspondent.

"Seven Days" Coming.

Cheer up, everybody; cheer way up and smile all over, for "Seven Days" is coming, which is a pledge of merriment unrestrained and entertainment without stint for persons of all ages, both sexes and whatsoever condition. Direct from the Astor Theatre, New York, with the unprecedented record of a third year on Broadway, with the entire brilliant New York cast and superb Astor Theatre production, the forthcoming presentation of "Seven Days" has features that heighten interest in the foremost popular success of the time. "Seven Days" has earned its wide favor from the thorough enjoyment it affords. It is exceptionally amusing, and as described by Amy Leslie in the Chicago Daily News is "one hilarious delight, a tornado of laughter, a freshet of fun, a hurricane of comedy." From the first moment to the last without break it creates laughter, and in a clean, wholesome, untouched by indelicacy, which is one of the many exceptional qualities of this altogether exceptional play. Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper, producers of the play, have established a standard of excellence in dramatic achievement, so that, taking all things into consideration, there is an extra strong appeal to playgoers in the coming of a comedy that Munsey's Magazine called "the biggest laughing hit that has ever struck Broadway." "Seven Days" will be seen at the Grand Theatre, Friday, October 27th.

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An Offer That Involves no Money Risk if You Accept It.

We are so positive our remedy will completely relieve constipation, no matter how chronic it may be, that we offer to furnish it free of all cost if it fails.

Constipation is commonly caused by weakness of the nerves and muscles of the large intestine. To expect a cure you must therefore tone up and strengthen those organs and restore them to healthier activity.

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Madge—In that book you just finished, did they marry and live happily ever afterward?

Marjorie—Gracious, no! I don't read fairy stories any more.—New York Times.

Most of us know when to stop, but the trouble is we don't exercise our knowledge.

ITCH! ITCH! ITCH!

Scratch and rub—rub and scratch—until you feel as if you could almost tear the burning skin from your body—until it seems as if you could no longer endure these endless days of awful torture—those terrible nights of sleepless agony.

Then—a few drops of D. D. D., the famous Eczema Specific and, Oh! what relief! The itch gone instantly! Comfort and rest at last!

D. D. D. is a simple external wash that cleanses and heals the inflamed skin as nothing else can. A recognized specific for Eczema, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum or any other skin trouble.

We can give you a full size bottle of the genuine D. D. D. remedy for $1.00 and if the very first bottle fails to give relief it will not cost you a cent.

We also can give you a sample bottle for 25 cents. Why suffer another day when you can get D. D. D.?

W. W. PARKER, Henderson, N. C.

Aviator Ely Dashed to Death.

Eugene Ely, the well known aviator, was dashed to death at the Georgia State fair on Thursday of last week, shortly after 3 o'clock. His aeroplane refused to rise after a sensational dip and plunged with him fifty feet to the ground. In the presence of nearly 8,000 people, he fell to the middle of the inclosure of the mile track, almost clearing the machine by a desperate leap that he made when he realized his peril. His body was broken in a score of places, and he died eleven minutes after the fatal fall. Just before the end he regained consciousness and muttered: "I lost control—I know I am going to die." Ely made a remarkable flight that morning shortly before noon, ascending to an altitude of 3,100 feet. At 2:45 o'clock he began his second flight of the day, rising gracefully from the track inclosure, which he circled in a few minutes, traveling at about thirty miles an hour. As he was completing the circle he made one of his famous dips apparently to startle the thousands beneath him who were watching with straining eyes. The birdlike machine shot down with tremendous velocity, the crowd applauded, but he failed to rise. Ely seemed to lose his grip on the lever, for the machine continued its downward plunge to the earth. He had a schedule of flights at the Charlotte fair this week.

Vance Chapter U. D. C's. Meeting.

The Vance county Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy held its first fall meeting last week with its president, Mrs. S. P. Cooper. The following delegates were appointed to represent this chapter at the State Convention of the North Carolina Division of the U. D. C's., which is in session at Winston-Salem this week: Mrs. S. P. Cooper, Mrs. M. J. O'Neill and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., is a special committee of one in the interest of a local Childrens' Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which will probably be organized in Henderson at an early date. The following ladies were elected delegates to the General Convention to be held at Richmond on November 7th: Mrs. W. O. Shannon, State officer; Mrs. T. R. Manning, Mrs. S. P. Cooper and Mrs. A. C. Zollicoffer. Arrangements were made to supply all those who are entitled to crosses of honor. These crosses will not be given away after this year and all who wish to get one are requested to send their applications at once to the president. The meeting was a very good and interesting one and the attendance was large. Officers for the next year will be elected at the November meeting.

Their First Ride on Train.

Mrs. Drumright and Mrs. Duncan, of the Watkins section, who live within 10 miles of Oxford, took their first ride on the train last Wednesday. It was a great event in the lives of these two old ladies to ride to Watkins and get on board of the train assisted by the polite Capt. Elmore for the first time and take their seats in the car. When the train commenced to move one said to the other "Is it moving?"—and by the time they had fully decided the question Capt. Griffith was slipping over the rails at a good speed and the other one said "Just fairly flying by the trees." They must not have enjoyed the ride as much as they expected as we learn they refused to return home on the train.—Oxford Banner.

DESTROYS SLEEP.

Many Henderson People Testify to This.

You can't sleep at night,
With aches and pains of a bad back,
When you have to get up from urinary troubles,
All on account of the kidneys.
Doan's Kidney Pills bring peaceful slumber;
They are for kidney ills.

L. W. Holloman, 4 Gary St., Henderson, N. C., says: "I highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, for I received great relief from their use. A soreness across the small of my back bothered me constantly and prevented me from sleeping well. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, highly colored and filled with sediment. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box from the Kerner-MacNair Co.'s Drug Store and after using them a short while, I was free from the backache and other annoyances. Since then I have been in the best of health."

For Sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Henry L. Wyatt Camp's New Quarters.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters has tendered the use of their hall and piano to the Henry L. Wyatt Camp United Confederate Veterans for holding its regular monthly meetings. The camp will hold its first meeting in the new quarters on Saturday morning, November 4th, at 11 o'clock. A special musical program has been prepared for the next meeting and will be in charge of Mrs. I. W. Hughes. All Daughters of the Confederacy, their visitors and all visiting Confederate Veterans are invited to attend these meetings.

Clean and Snappy.

Vance is a great county—as it could not help being if it lived up to its great name, as it is doing. Last week's Henderson Gold Leaf told us of a single dish-rag bush that produced rags worth $18.75, and now it says that Mrs. T. H. Hill has eight stalks of ginger growing in her yard. With plenty of dish rags to make the town cleanly, and therefore Godly, and growing ginger to give the town snap, Henderson is bound to keep on going forward.—Raleigh News and Observer.

THE GOLD LEAF'S GREAT CONTEST

A $400 Cote Piano Given as First Prize.

Also a Number of Other Valuable Prizes to Be Given.

Readers and friends of the Gold Leaf will be glad to know of the inauguration of this great subscription contest, the purpose of which is to greatly increase the circulation of the paper in Vance an adjoining counties and thereby enhance its value and usefulness as a newspaper.

Knowing that the good people of Henderson and Vance county want a first class local paper and will be content with nothing less, we are now putting forth every possible effort to make the Gold Leaf just that sort of paper, and with the loyal support and encouragement of the people of the city and county we confidently expect to succeed in our undertaking.

In order to increase the circulation of the Gold Leaf very substantially during the next few weeks we have contracted with the American Mercantile Company, of Jacksonville, Fla., one of the largest and most successful subscription contest concerns in the United States, to conduct a subscription contest for us, starting today and continuing through the coming few weeks.

This concern has been very successful in conducting subscription contests throughout the South and West, and that they will succeed in greatly increasing the circulation of the Gold Leaf we have no doubt. Mr. R. Fred Mainor, one of their most thoroughly experienced and highly successful contest managers, is here and is in charge of this great contest.

List of Prizes Offered.

The management of the Gold Leaf, in order to make this one of the greatest contests ever carried on by a local paper in this State and to make it go from the very start, has spared no expense in offering valuable and attractive prizes. Other weekly papers in the State have undertaken similiar contests in part only, but the Gold Leaf has put on the full list of prizes, thus assuring all who enter this contest and who work consistently to its close much better chances of winning than if only one or two prizes were offered.

The first prize—a $400 Cote piano—will be awarded to the young lady who secures the largest number of votes in the contest. In addition to becoming the owner of a very fine piano, of which any young lady might be justly proud, the winner also establishes unmistakable evidence of greatest popularity in the community. This elegant piano is of mahogany, beautifully veneered, sweet toned, and would be an ornament to almost any home.

The second prize is a $100 bed room suit, the third a $50 sideboard, the fourth a $40 diamond-set gold watch. Five rebate certificates, worth their face value on the purchase price of a piano similar to our first prize, ranging from $200 down to $100, will be given away, and in addition to these there will also be several other valuable prizes for successful contestants.

All of these prizes are now enroute to Henderson, and on their arrival within a very few days will be placed on exhibition at different stores in the city for the inspection of contestants and other interested parties. We do not know of any other local weekly paper in this State that has ever offered such a list of attractive and valuable prizes in a contest, and the young ladies of Vance and adjoining counties now have the opportunity of their lives presented to them in this contest.

The Contestants.

Any young lady or married lady of good reputation may enter this contest. Anyone can nominate a contestant whether a subscriber to the Gold Leaf or not by filling out the nomination coupon in this paper and sending same to contest manager. If you have no coupon, write the name and address of the contestant nominated plainly and send it in, and it will be accepted the same as a coupon and will entitle the lady nominated to 1,000 free votes.

Do not delay getting into this contest. You have all to gain and nothing to lose. The contest manager will be glad to explain to you anything about the contest that you do not understand. Consider him at your service at any and all times.

Rules of the Contest.

1. All collections made by contestants must be paid to the Contest Manager or votes will not be allowed.
2. Subscribers are requested to demand a receipt for all money paid to contestants.
3. The Contest Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same are valid in contest.
4. Ballots can not be bought. The contest will be conducted on a fair and square basis for all. Votes can be obtained only by securing subscriptions, either prepaid or renewals, or by sending the free ballot from the paper.
5. No employe of the Gold Leaf or member of his or her family will be allowed to participate in the contest either as a candidate or a voter.
6. Contestants will not be restricted to any territory, but may secure subscriptions anywhere.
7. Only one nominating coupon, entitling the nominee to one thousand votes, will be allowed each contestant.
8. Votes cast on special prizes that will be offered in the contest will also count on the piano and other prizes. Only votes secured in an advertised time will be counted on special prizes.
9. Votes can not be transferred to another contestant.
10. Contestants must agree to accept all rules and conditions.
11. Any contestant who becomes dissatisfied and tries to create discord in the contest, his or her name will be dropped from the list of contestants.
12. Any question that may arise between contestants will be settled by the Contest Manager and his decision will be final.
13. The right is reserved to reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules should occasion demand it.
14. Under no condition will the nominator's name be divulged.
15. To all who enter this contest we guarantee fair treatment. No partiality will be shown any contestant.

The Contest Manager will always be ready to explain anything regarding this contest.

Yours very truly,
AMERICAN MERCANTILE CO.,
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R. Fred Mainor, Resident Manager.

Schedule of Votes.

		Renewals.	New.
One Year,	$1.50	1,000	1,500.
Two Years,	3.00	3,000	4,000
Five Years,	7.50	7,500	10,000

This Coupon entitles M.....to Twenty-Five (25) votes, provided they are cast within one week after date.

Oct. 25, 1911. CONTEST MANAGER.

I nominate M.....as a contestant in the Henderson Gold Leaf Contest, thereby giving her 1,000 votes free.

.....Nominator.

Only one nomination will be allowed each contestant. The name of the nominator will not be divulged.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have qualified as administrator of Sallie E. Belvin, deceased. All persons having claims against said decedent are notified to present the same to me or the undersigned attorney within one year from the date hereof. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment of such indebtedness. This Sept. 28th, 1911.

R. E. BELVIN, Administrator.
Thomas M. Pittman, Attorney.

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A new store in Charlotte which deals exclusively in "Women's Wear" opened business with prayer. If we had been invited to make the invocation our prayer would have been, "Lord, have mercy on the men of Charlotte."—Houston Post.

People who prosper, sell more than they buy. It is the producers and not the consumers that have the balance sheet in their favor. Produce more at home, more of what we need, and depend less on the West for what we can grow right in North Carolina.—Wilmington Star.

Falling Creek, N. C., Dec. 5, 1910.
T. W. Newborn & Co. Kinston, N. C.
Gentlemen:—Your letter quoting prices on "TENNESSEE" wagons and cart wheels has been received. Please order at once 3 1½ All Steel Axles "TENNESSEE" wagons, 3 Pairs Cart Wheels with 1¼ All Steel Axles, and 3 pairs Cart Wheels with 1½ inch All Steel Axles. All of "TENNESSEE" Wagon Company's make.
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