

THEY DECIDED TO SELL A VALUABLE MINE FOR A SONG.

A Present Day California Story Which Reads Like a Romance.

Four gentlemen of Fresno county, says the San Francisco Chronicle, have scarcely recovered from the shock of nearly selling a rich mining property in Mariposa for a mere song. They were not experienced delvers for gold, and they had become so tired of sinking through waste rock, as they thought, at heavy expense, that they were on the eve of selling out for a few thousand dollars when by accident they ascertained that they were the owners of a deposit which promises to vie in richness with that of the famous Hawhide, of Tuolumne county.

It happened, as Mark Waiser, formerly assistant district attorney of Fresno, relates the Aladdin-like story, that, last spring, legal business took him to the vicinity of Coulterville. There he fell in with an original character, in whom he became interested. There was much to arouse curiosity in Michael Dugan, for the old Mariposa miner was as strange a character as one encounters in a lifetime. Among other peculiarities, although a resident of California for thirty years, the old man had never ridden in a car but once in his life, and, what was still more strange, had never cast his eyes on a telephone or a telegraph line. Like many of his class, he was full of stories of rich mines which had not been worked for years.

Waiser listened with especial attention to Dugan's statement regarding the Bunnell mine, thirty-four miles northeast of Coulterville, which he had jumped years before. Waiser had the property examined, and, as it was offered for a small price, took the risk of the venture, bought it and associated in the ownership Dr. E. J. Dunn, W. C. Colson and M. H. Ahdarian.

In examining the title, the history of the mine, which was opened in 1854, developed some strange facts. Among its owners was S. F. McNear, who was in possession eighteen years ago. He sank several shafts, did some drifting and worked the ore through an old wooden stamp mill. One day McNear emerged from the shaft having in his hand a piece of ore which Waiser's informant stated to be eighteen inches long, two thick, and studded with gold. It was such a sight as one seldom sees. McNear at once began computations in regard to purchasing machinery. Before reaching a conclusion, however, he again went below in the shaft, and, on returning to the surface, discharged all of the miners, gave away the mill, tools and supplies and damaged the entrance to the shafts so that they could not be entered. Two days later McNear went to Mexico, where he was killed.

His strange actions were never explained, but the theory is that, discovering the valuable character of the property, he designed to "freeze out" his presumed associates and keep the mine for himself.

From that time until after Waiser's purchase of Dugan's claim the Bunnell mine has no history. It lay idle and abandoned. In May last, however, the new owners began operations by sinking a new vertical shaft. At the depth of forty-five feet they came upon a peculiar formation, which, in their inexperienced, they believed to be waste rock, or "horse," as it is termed by miners. For three months they made their way slowly and at heavy expense through the hard formation, not knowing that they had riches within their grasp, and, in their ignorance, impatiently awaiting a rich strike. Others, however, were better informed than the owners of the true conditions, and a few weeks ago an Englishman, claiming to be the representative of an English syndicate, made overtures to buy the mine.

So discouraged had become the owners that they met, and had fixed upon \$15,000 as the price to be asked when a fortuitous circumstance arose which entirely changed the face of affairs. As the four partners sat together, Waiser shaking up samples of the ore and all deploring its apparent worthlessness, he proposed as a last resource that it should be assayed.

Then came the denouement. Samples of the ore from the 75, 85 and 100-foot depths were given to A. S. Cagwin, of Fresno, for assay.

"This was the result," said Mr. Waiser, as he handed over the assay reports. They showed that the "waste rock" was reeking with gold, growing richer and richer in almost incredible degree as the depth increased. At 75 feet its value was placed at \$12 a ton, at 85 feet \$320 and at 100 feet at \$594 a ton.

Foreign Notes.

For 3,200 vacancies of all kinds on the staff of the London and Northwestern Railway last year, there were 53,000 applicants.

Shakespeare's birthplace is now in possession of a golf club. Buluwayo has had one some time, so has Bagdad, has Singapore. Shakespeare never mentioned golf.

The Nurnberg industrial exhibitors report that they made 9,117 sales, amounting in value to 1,881,769 marks, and that they received 8,828 orders, bringing in 1,500,017 marks.

Holland, the home of Hugo Grotius, has undertaken to codify the international private law, a permanent commission having been appointed for that purpose by the Queen Regent.

A queer Japanese idea is that of the officers who served in the war with China, in petitioning the Government to erect a monument to the memory of the horses that fell in the war.

Queen Victoria in the sixty years of her reign has had to do with seventeen Presidents of the United States. Martin Van Buren had been in office three months when she succeeded to the throne.

Sir John Millar's "Yeoman of the Guard" has been presented in the National gallery by his half-sister. Sargent's portrait of Coventry Patmore has also been given to the nation by the poet's widow for the National Portrait Gallery.

An extension of the Pope's territory has been made by the purchase from Prince Borgia of a very large tract of land adjoining the Vatican gardens.

The Italian Government has agreed that the right of extra-territoriality enjoyed by the Vatican shall apply to the new acquisition.

George Peabody's donation of \$2,500,000 for London workmen's houses has increased to \$6,000,000 in the twenty-four years since his death. Last year the trustees of the fund provided 11,367 rooms, besides bath rooms, lavatories, and laundries; 19,854 persons occupied them. The death rate of infants in the building is 4 per cent, below the average for London.

Among the late Leon Say's papers were found five decrees dated on the same day, signed by President Grevy and countersigned by all the proper officials, appointing him to all the grades of the Legion of Honor, including the Grand Cross. Grevy went out of office without making the appointments public in the Journal Officiel, and Leon Say never mentioned the matter to any one and never wore any of the decorations.

Notes From Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. C., March 19.—Our city fathers have unanimously decided that Salisbury must have electric lights, provided that the necessary funds could be legally borrowed. A proposition made by Mr. Evans to furnish the city fifty (50) arc lights at a cost of ninety (\$90) dollars per light has been accepted. The action of the commissioners in this matter meets with the approval of a greater part of our citizens.

An elegant city hall has just been completed at a cost of over four thousand (\$4,000) dollars.

Quite a lively time is expected at the municipal election. A number of candidates are in the field whose friends are pushing them for the different places. Mr. T. C. Linn is in the lead for mayor. Messrs. G. H. Shaver, R. H. Price and C. W. Pool have announced themselves for city marshal and tax collector. It will be a fight with them to the finish. It is quite likely that an opposition ticket will be put up. No mention has yet been made as to who will lead this ticket. The contest will be closer than in former years, for the new election laws now apply.

Hon. Lee S. Overman has returned from a meeting of the ex-directors of the North Carolina Railroad company, at Charlotte, N. C. It was decided that each ex-director file a separate answer in the matter to be heard in the Federal court at Greensboro. The sentiment here is unanimous in favor of the Southern Railway company.

R. Lee Wright, Esq., returned last night from Dobson, where he represented J. L. Carper, of Winston, N. C., before Judge Green at chambers in an attachment proceeding. The matter has not yet been terminated.

The will of Tobias Kreller was filed for probate yesterday. The estate was valued anywhere from \$60,000 to \$90,000. Mr. A. H. Newsom is residuary legatee. Mr. H. M. Woolson, register of deeds, and L. H. Clement were given \$500 each for past favors and friendship. Mr. L. H. Clement was named administrator in the will. It is a question whether or not he will be required to give bond. Mrs. Boyden Trexler, one of Mr. Kreller's daughters, was only given \$1,000 in trust. She has employed counsel to set the will aside, alleging undue influence on the part of other heirs.

Several cases of typhoid fever are reported. Mrs. D. M. Miller and son are very sick with this disease. The doctors think that a great many cases will develop on account of the excessive rains for the past months.

MUSCULAR "HOOSIER" WIVES.

Enforced Their Objections to Their Husband's Poker Games.

For a month or so past, the good wives of Riley, Ind., and vicinity, have noticed that their husbands were spending an unusual number of evenings away from home. Quiet investigation revealed that the men on such occasions were employed in playing poker. This was a state of things not to be endured, and the women folks decided on reformatory measures. A Mrs. Baker volunteered to make the first move. The next night her husband stayed away from home she suddenly called at the room, and, figuratively speaking, led her husband home by the ear. Next night Mrs. William Jones called at the room. She was denied admittance when she knocked at the door, but, having anticipated this, she had prepared for forcible entrance. She had with her a hatchet, and it was but a moment until she had the door off its hinges. The husband was there, and he meekly accompanied his wife home, says the Indianapolis "News."

A couple of evenings later, Mrs. Brown, in the same township, received her husband with menacing gestures when he came home late with some companions. The next day he was not seen, and the next he failed to appear at his work about the farm. Some of his friends, who were apprehensive that he had been severely dealt with, sent a delegation to the house, but they met the wife at the door and she sent them off with a warning to keep away from the house and from her husband. A few days later, the captured husband, still failing to appear, some of his friends came to the city to consult the Prosecuting Attorney about legal proceedings for his rescue. Nothing was done, however, and in a day or two, Brown was again at work on the farm. He hasn't been "out at nights" since, and the married men of the neighborhood have about concluded that the seductive game must be given the go-by for a time, at least.

A NEW WORD FOR CABBY.

It Stopped His Abundant Flow of Choice Billingsgate.

From the Weekly Telegraph. The newest cab story affords a delightfully refreshing way of dealing with the verbal brutalities of an irate cabby. It was a case where a young lady had hailed a cab, and after being driven nearly two miles in bad weather tendered the cabman a shilling. We know how on such an occasion the cabman holds the shilling in the palm of his hand, and addresses to it observations of a character more pointed than polite.

The cabman in this story was luridly figurative and warm toned in his remarks. When the young lady was able to get in a word she sweetly remarked, "Cabman, I wish you would be more anaemic in your observations." The cabman was cowed by this unexpected remark. He had no idea what the word meant, but it was evidently something dreadful, and one expects to hear that one of the popular phrases of reproach on the rank will be to call a fellow cabby "a dashed anaemic."

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NORTH CAROLINA. WAKE COUNTY. I, D. H. Young, Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake County, do hereby certify that the foregoing articles of agreement and plan of incorporation was this day proven before me, and the due execution thereof by C. M. Kenyon, F. M. Messler and J. B. Hill, the subscribers thereto, is proven by the oath of William O. O'Neill, the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore, let the same be recorded according to law. Witness my hand and official seal this 16th day of January, 1897. D. H. YOUNG, Clerk Superior Court.

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