

New Gold Rush In Prospect North Carolina; Mining Revival

Low Grade Ores Are Now Smelted Profitably, Which Could Not Be Last Century.

With the production of gold in the world stationary for eight years and an increasing quantity being used in the arts, besides the demands for the yellow metal for commerce, new sources for it are being sought.

The most promising way to increase the gold supply is to use the cyanide process. This method of extracting it from the ore so cheaply that it can be smelted for less than a dollar a ton. This makes mines and diggings yielding only a small quantity of metal profitable to work, although forty years ago they could be worked only at a loss.

All this and the considerable amount of gold in the ground in North Carolina has attracted miners and metallurgists to the Tarheel state which, before 1849, produced more gold than any other part of America, and was one of the leading producers of gold in the world. The mining of gold was abandoned there long ago, because the ore was low grade, and it cost more to get the metal out of it than the gold was worth. Now things are different.

Gold Rush to North Carolina. A dispatch from Raleigh says a new gold rush is on in North Carolina. Mines that have been idle for from 25 to 50 years are being worked again and ore veins regarded as being too poor to work in the days of prosperity are now paying gold to its miners at the rate from \$4 to \$12 a ton, while some of the richer veins are paying as much as \$30 a ton. Fields that heretofore have been growing six-cent cotton at a loss are now yielding \$20 nuggets. The state seems to be on its way to regain its place as a leading gold producer.

State Geologist H. J. Bryson is being kept busy these days visiting either active mines or prospective mines and giving the owners or operators advice as to the best methods for working different types of deposits. Geologist Bryson is visiting mining properties in Cabarrus and Rowan counties. He is going to spend part of the day at

an old mining property near Mount Pleasant in Cabarrus county and then will go to the old Gold Hill Mine in Rowan county, where a twenty-stamp reduction mill is being reconditioned preparatory to resuming active operation again.

Prof. Seen. "Both of these mines are located in one of the richest gold-bearing ore in the state and there is no reason why they should not be operated at an excellent profit, with new methods and modern machinery," Mr. Bryson said. "For the percentage of gold to the ton in the ore found in North Carolina is much richer than most of that found in either California or Alaska. Many people do not know that until the California gold rush in 1849 that North Carolina was and had been for years the leading producer of gold in the United States. Now, with the return of cheaper labor and unprofitable agriculture, indications are that the state is again to turn to its long-neglected natural resources and become a leader in the gold mining field."

A number of big Western mining syndicates and Eastern corporations have recently sent their engineers into the state to either buy up or lease many of these old gold-bearing properties. Mr. Bryson revealed, with a view to starting extensive operations. But most of the deposits now being worked are being worked by their owners or by native North Carolinians who have obtained leases on the properties. Because there is no smelting plant in the state, so that the crushed ore has to be shipped outside the state to be smelted and reduced to pure gold, a number of these smaller operators are seriously considering the erection of a cooperative smelter or reduction plant. If this is done, it will greatly increase their profits by eliminating expensive freight charges.

Some of the out-of-state smelting plants are complaining that much of the ore is too rich for them to handle because it requires special equipment.

Operating Stamp Mill. Mr. Bryson visited the Indian Trail mine in Union county, about halfway between Charlotte and Monroe. A stamp mill with five stamps is being operated and from \$4 to \$10 a ton is being recovered from the quartz vein being worked. Another mine in a Stanley county, near Troy, was visited. This mine is operating a ten stamp-mill from the enriched zone vein in a rock similar to slate. Much of the gold being found is in nuggets ranging from \$15 to \$70 in value. Mr. Bryson has a single nugget, containing about \$20 worth of gold, given him by one of the mine operators and which was picked up in a nearby cotton field.

The richest ore so far found in the state is that being taken from the Black Ankle mine in Montgomery county, not far from Troy, where the gold is actually averaging from \$15 to \$20 a ton and where the ore is mined by steam shovel. It was the ore from this mine which a smelting company in Tennessee complained of as being too rich for them to handle.

Most of these mines are now being operated by from eight to ten men and are yielding from \$100 to \$200 worth of gold a day. Mr. Bryson said, thus showing a good profit for the operators after deducting wages and capital outlay for equipment.

Times May Be Aid To This Country

Monroe Journal. While the present time is hard on individuals it is not going to prove so hard on the country as a whole. Maybe it will prove a good thing in the long run. It seems heartless and cruel to offer such consolation to a man who has lost his job or seen his business go under, but it has a good deal of truth in it. Here is the country with an abundance of everything and better prepared than ever before to produce more. But there is no money and for lack of money and activity, individuals go down. But when the depression is over there will be everything that was here before. But a lot of it will have changed hands. Those who have gone down will see others rise to take their places. Folks will still have to farm and manufacture and merchandise and doctor and practice law and run newspapers and mine coal. The total wealth of the country has not been decreased at all though in the great process of squeezing out the water, many individuals have been sunk. This is not much consolation for an old man who has lost his farm or his savings or his occupation, but it is an assurance that the loss sustained by some will be compensated for by the gains of others and that the country as a whole will be in just as good shape to go on as before.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as executor of the estate of T. W. Hamrick, deceased of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this I notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to me, properly proven on or before the 31st day of December 1932 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This Jan. 1st, 1932. F. A. Hamrick, E. M. Hamrick, and Mae Hamrick, executors of estate of T. W. Hamrick, deceased.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

We Need City Relief Instead of Of Farm Relief.

Everybody knows that I have more money than I will ever be able to spend, but that "more" refers to the little I have in a closed bank. To make a short story longer, my wife and I held an "Economic Meeting" in the kitchen last night—for the purpose of trying to reduce the cost of our living.

After figuring all over the walls and the bread tray, we decided that we could not do very much along the line of cutting costs—as we found the following items to be "fixt" expenses—which could not be cut down—due to reasons best known to the corporations—and political organizations:

- 1.—Taxes.
- 2.—Gas (to cook with).
- 3.—Electric lights.
- 4.—Telephone.
- 5.—Cost of keeping daughter in college.
- 6.—Laundry work.
- 7.—Insurance on dwelling and furniture.
- 8.—Medicine.
- 9.—Water (for cooking purposes).
- 10.—Typewriter ribbons.
- 11.—Life insurance premiums.
- 12.—Interest rate (we pay).
- 13.—School books.
- 14.—Shoes.
- 15.—Spectacles.
- 16.—Automobile license plate.
- 17.—Gasoline.
- 18.—Motor oil.
- 19.—Coal (due to high freight rate).
- 20.—Aluminum ware.

We don't pay the cook too much and we can't turn her off—as some of the family might get hungry. We never did spend much for groceries—especially when peas and corn meal and fat back bacon are cheap. We don't travel so often. We wear low-priced clothes—till they cause the rag-man to follow us around.

We finally came to the conclusion that we could stop putting soda and salt in the bread, stop putting coffee in our hot water, stop our plates a little bit cleaner, go to bed 2 hours earlier, and stand up more—pressed very often. By doing all of these things—we can possibly save \$3 cents a month. Now, friends, you

Odd Tales Related About Old Wilmington Cemetery

Wilmington.—A woman buried in a cask of whiskey, a dog in the arms of his master and the remains of a boy entombed alive are half-forgotten in cemeteries here.

The graves of the only woman who lost her life in service during the civil war and of the last man killed in the south in formal duel here, revive strange memories of life's final dramas.

In 1857 Silas Martin, with his daughter Nancy, and her brother John, were sailing around the world but the girl died and, to preserve her body, she was seated in a chair and placed in a cask of whiskey, rum and alcohol. The trip continued but soon John was lost overboard and the father returned five months later. The girl was buried in the cask and a simple cross on the grave bears only the word, "Nancy."

The grave of Miss Lizzie Turlington also bears a simple epitaph but its phrase is ominous: "Murdered by W. L. Bingham." Miss Turlington was engaged to Bingham. Both were deaf and dumb. She postponed the wedding to complete some work for the state and in December, 1886, the two went for a buggy ride. Several days later her body was found riddled with bullets and her throat was cut. Bingham had vanished.

Mrs. Rose O'Neill Greenhow, the famous Confederate spy whose information resulted in victory for the south at Bull Run, is credited with being the only white woman to die in the service during the civil war. Returning from England where she had been on a diplomatic errand, her vessel was threatened with capture by the federal blockade fleet as it neared here, he put out for shore in a small boat which overturned in a raging surf. She drowned. Two days later, September 3, 1864, her body, weighted with a belt of gold coins about the waist, washed up on the beach.

W. A. Ellerbrook is buried with his Newfoundland dog in his arms. During a fire in 1880, Ellerbrook, a volunteer fireman, dashed into the flames to salvage what he could. The dog followed but neither returned. The next day the dog's body was found with his teeth sunk in his master's coat and his feet braced in a pulling position against a beam that pinned the man's body to the floor. Their monument, erected by the community, bears an inscription about Ellerbrook and an image of the dog with the words:

finger some and you'll find that you are just as helpless as we are in respect to living cheaper. Some body else has already "fixed" about 75 per cent of your necessary expenses—and you simply have to take your medicine—or move to the country—where living hard is an expected luxury.

Hon. J. Fuller Bell Addresses the House

Legislators. I am glad to have a chance to make a speech before this body of able law-makers who have been sent down here to the legislature by your respective constituents for to attend to the public matter of our great state.

Friends and fellow-legislators, I have a momentous subject to fetch before you and I most earnestly implore not only your favorite consideration, of this great matter. The eyes of all the voters are gazing upon you and what you do or do not do in regards to this question will settle your destiny as a politician—from now on.

My heart aches within my frail body when I think of what will take place if you do not give this situation satisfactory interpretation. Here we are, gentlemen, being paid \$10 a day and mileage to serve the interests of those who stooped low enough to vote for us, will you do your duty or will you fail your friends.

A great many of my close relations, as well as my wife, begged me not to fetch this thing before the present general assembly, but shall I shirk my duty as a lawmaker during this dark hour? No, says the echo of my eternal disposition to do the right thing at the right time. Many of you will censure me for bringing this matter before you at this time, but—"Better I die than forget my loved ones," says Barker.

Colleagues, where do you stand when great questions must be answered? Men of all ages, who are you that are willing to fall by the way-side? Some of your stand as high in your chuff and in your secret orders, but how about your standing in respect to the taxpayers of this land of ours. Can I depend on you, or will you or will you remain a spectator the balance of your lives?

Mr. Speaker and Fellow Citizens: Now comes the question. Are you ready for it? Is your mind clear enough to absorb the rights of the voters, or will you continue to force them to absorb their own rights? Answer me that, now listen: Does Andy Gump eat through his nose, or has he a mouth? (Applause.)

Jobless Sea Cook Gets Al's Clothes

Struts New York Streets Wearing Brown Derby And Attire Of Former Governor.

New York.—A jobless sea cook strutted the sidewalks of New York's East Side recently wearing one of Al Smith's brown derbies.

"Yes, sir, that's what I call a break," said George Stumpf, who used to cook beans on army transports but now stirs stew in the municipal lodging house for his meals. "Here I walk into that free clothes place with a ticket calling for a suit and they gimme one of the governor's blue worsteds, made on Fifth Avenue. Then, to top it off they stick one of his hard hats on my head."

Stumpf has his new outfit because the former governor heeded the plea of the clothing relief division of the emergency unemployment committee. He called Clarence H. Low, chairman of the division, into his office high up in the Empire State building.

"Here, Clarence," she said, "here's a bundle of clothes I gathered together up at the house. I want you to take them down to your wardrobe, clean them, sew buttons on them and give them to the unemployed so they'll be comfortable and presentable enough to take employment."

Low carried the bundle, containing several suits and coats, down to 73 Deey street where a clothes rehabilitation factory manned by men and women formerly without jobs went to work on it.

A few hours later in walked Stumpf, bearing a ticket from one of 33 relief agencies served by the

factory. "Of course," Mr. Low said to reporters, "there's a moral to this Stumpf story. Just tell your readers there must be a lot of clothes in the closets of this city and nation that men like Stumpf could use."

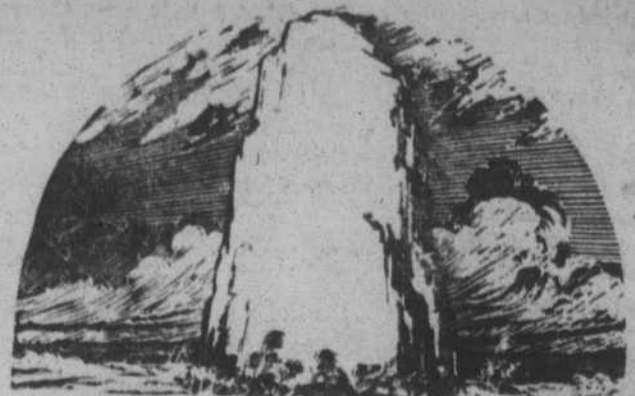
Big Law Suit Begun In Mountain City

(Asheville Citizen.) Suit for \$192,538.87 by Sidney Gayle, of Greensboro, former Asheville real estate man, against the Griffin and Bland Hotel corporation, a Maryland corporation with headquarters in Raleigh, was started in Buncombe county superior court yesterday, Judge H. Hoyle Sink presiding.

Breach of contract on the lease of the Battery Park hotel of Asheville, is claimed as cause for the suit. The plaintiff alleges he lost the sum sued for when T. L. Bland, president of the hotel corporation controlling several hotels in North Carolina, including the Sir Walter, in Raleigh, breached his contract for lease of the Battery Park.

Senate Passes Bill To Stock Feed Loans

Washington, Feb. 2.—The senate today adopted and sent to the house a resolution to assure the availability for livestock feed loans some \$12,000,000 unexpected balance of last year's drought relief appropriation.



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Upper Cleveland News Of Interest

(Special to The Star.)

Feb. 4.—Many people of the community attended the funeral services of Mr. Taylor Wall at Mt. Moriah church on last Monday.

Mr. Clayton Devenny of Kent, Ohio, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Devenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Whisnant of Cliffside spent Friday with his mother, Mrs. Sallie Whisnant.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowen Wall and son, Travis, and Mrs. Hamrick visited their father, Mr. Ben Wall Monday night.

Mrs. P. M. Whisnant and daughter and son, Pauline and P. M., Jr. attended a birthday dinner given in honor of her mother, Mrs. Martin Melton of Golden Valley community.

Mr. Q. J. Devenny motored to Rutherfordton Monday to the trade day.

Mr. Clem Hord and Clayton Devenny motored to Hickory on business Monday.

Mrs. Etta Mull visited Mrs. R. L. Morris Tuesday.

LAST DAY

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