

### GOLD DIGGINGS LOSE OLD-TIME GLAMOUR

#### Colorful Western Prospector Ousted by Geologist.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Another bit of color of the old West is slipping from the stage, in the person of the old-time prospector, mining men say.

Once the picture of the patient prospector matching patience with his gray, plodding burros was authentic.

No longer is that true—not for a majority or even a sizable percentage of the thousands who have poured back into the gold districts with the rise in value of the yellow metal.

Perhaps there are not 100 of the genuine old-style gold seekers left within the state. Their favorite pack animal, the burro, once of some value, is today worth less than nothing. Hundreds of them roam the desert wild, particularly in the western mountain districts, where they damage ranges and cause cowmen difficulties.

**Become Wild as Deer.**  
As wild as deer, they are practically impossible to trap or shoot and out-speed the fleetest horses.

While the prospector's aid has speeded up and taken to a wild life, the prospector has settled down. There are perhaps as many prospectors as ever, but they operate differently.

No longer driving burros across the hills in search of gold, most of them confine their activities to a single community, or to only a few communities, and move at rare intervals. Oftentimes they will work years in development of a single prospect.

The result is that when they do move, they do so by train or auto.

Economic factors have contributed to the passing of the old method of prospecting. It no longer pays. The most easily discoverable deposits of rich ore having been taken, it usually requires more digging and development for a claim to have demonstrable value. The digging or development cannot be done in a short time, and so the prospector chooses a locality which shows favorable indications and settles down to go to work.

#### Now Making Good.

With the increased price of gold and silver, as well as copper, many who have patiently worked without return for years are now beginning to realize on their labor. But for the majority there is still no rainbow at the end of the trail.

This is partly due to several reasons. Popular impression which assigned geological or mineralogical insight to the prospector was mostly wrong—and so were the prospectors. Many of them, in addition to being without mineralogical knowledge, were without capital.

To correct the former falling, the University of Arizona School of Mines, co-operating with the federal government, has offered prospecting courses in principal districts throughout the state and has trained thousands in detection and location of minerals.

The prospector who depends upon school training is a far throw from his predecessor, the "burro pusher," however.

#### Motherhood Right Won by California Teachers

San Francisco.—School boards in California may regulate the length of a teacher's skirt, or tell her how to dress her hair, but they are "abusing their discretion" if they tell her as a married woman that she must not have a baby.

Such, in effect, is the ruling of U. S. Webb, state attorney general, whose opinion was asked when Hollister high school trustees dismissed a teacher when she became a mother.

"Since the legislature has approved the employment of married teachers," Webb said, "it must be deemed to have approved the natural consequences of marriage."

The teacher, not named in the opinion, had taught in the Hollister high school for several years. She signed her contract for the 1935-36 term and then requested a leave of absence, explaining she was an expectant mother.

The high school trustees refused the request, and when the baby was born dismissed the woman and hired another teacher.

#### Town Collects Money for Idaho Scholarship

Kellogg, Idaho.—Some Kellogg student will receive a \$600 scholarship to University of Idaho each year through the Kellogg-University Booster club.

The scholarship, raised by popular subscription, will provide the student with \$100 when he or she enters school and \$50.50 monthly thereafter. Only requirement will be to remain in school and not hold a paying job in competition with another student.

The high school faculty will name five outstanding members of the senior class each year. Townsmen will purchase votes for their favorite candidate at \$1 per vote.

#### Survey Reveals Gains in the Use of Platinum

Chicago.—Platinum, most expensive of precious metals, soon will be used more extensively for the manufacture of the lowly overall than for the adornment of the wealthy, according to users of the rare metal.

An extensive survey reveals that platinum is being used extensively in industrial plants of all kinds and is especially valuable in the manufacture of rayon and certain types of

### SERVES 32 YEARS AS PADDLE MAKER

#### Student Styles Change, Says Missouri Veteran.

Columbia, Mo.—Wayne Allen is recognized as official paddle maker of the University of Missouri. He has been at it 32 years along with desultory work at piano tinkering.

In 1928 Allen advertised: "Allen's paddles have made lasting impressions on Missouri freshmen for the last 28 years."

During that time Allen estimated he has made thousands of paddles.

"I've made paddles out of every kind of wood that grows," he says. "Rosewood was the favorite in prosperous times. Some fraternities favored mahogany, but seasoned oak is the favorite now."

"I have made them out of ebony."

Styles in paddles change, Allen declares. Some years students want heavy two-handed ones. Other years they require shorter, lighter blades.

He has to be something of a draftsman. The engineers send the paddle maker specifications drawn like architect's plans for a building.

"Engineers' paddles must weigh just so much and must be just exactly so many sixteenths of an inch thick."

Agriculture students want them tough and strong.

One of Allen's masterpieces was an explosive paddle which concealed a percussion cap. When the wood was brought in forcible contact with luckless freshmen the resulting blast was—very amusing.

He now is attempting to devise a set of paddles which will emit pleasant tones when in use.

Allen's paddles for women are popular. They are made of soft wood and are considerably wider than the male type.

And he not only makes the disciplinary woods but also—for a sum—constructs form-fitting paddle protectors for luckless frosh. The paddle-proof, made-to-measure armor is made of plano felt.

#### Beetle Hordes Spread Ravages in Five States

Philadelphia.—The annual invading hordes of Japanese beetles have retired after their nineteenth season, leaving a path of destruction through plant and tree life in five eastern states.

While the beetle retires, leaving nibbled roses, threadbare hollyhocks, and trees shorn of their foliage and fruit, his enemy—the entomologist—is working for his destruction in research laboratories throughout the infested areas.

This year, the insects spread over a larger area than in 1934, according to Dr. L. M. Hawley, senior entomologist in charge of the biological department of the Japanese beetle research laboratories at Moorestown, N. J.

Northern New Jersey, northeastern Maryland, northern Delaware, and the southern tip of New York were the scenes of new invasions as the hordes spread westward in Pennsylvania as far as Lancaster.

Each year, they usually travel from five to ten miles further than the preceding year, but their 1935 advance exceeded the ten-mile limit.

Although he could not give a complete explanation for this new advance, Doctor Hawley said that there had been isolated colonies of the beetles in many areas and these probably had spread out to meet their kind in the main district.

#### Silent System Favored by Wisconsin Convicts

Waupun, Wis.—Convicts "favor" the so-called silent system practiced at the Wisconsin State penitentiary, Warden Oscar Lee says. He credits the no-talking rule for the absence of fights.

"Men who have served terms in prisons where discipline is lax frequently tell me they are glad we do not permit conversation at Waupun," Lee told visitors who expressed surprise when they heard no talking as they toured the institution.

"Most of the trouble among convicts results from conversation. An argument develops. Names are called. There is a fight. Punishment follows."

Waupun inmates may speak only in the presence of a guard unless they are pupils or teachers in the schools conducted for illiterates or are giving or receiving instruction in the operation of the various prison industries.

During the daily recreation periods, two-men teams pitch horseshoes for an hour without uttering a word.

#### Earliest Bible Mss. Found in Rubbish

London.—What was described officially as the oldest manuscript of any part of the Bible in any language was found in an old collection of paper in the Ryland library at Manchester.

It consists of part of the Greek manuscript of the Gospel of St. John, written 200 years before the Codex Sinaiticus. The document was lost for centuries in a rubbish heap of Egyptian material in the library.

"It probably was written before the ink of the original dried in the early part of the Second century," said Dr. Henry Guppy, librarian, "or even in the last part of the First century. Hitherto scholars thought St. John's Gospel was one of the last written."

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Dorothy Elliott, who teaches at Williamston, and Miss Theina Elliott, who teaches at Halifax, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliott.

Mrs. Ferner Hobbs, of Richmond, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Darius Elliott has returned from a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. R. Futrell, at Rich Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris and their son, Stanley, Jr., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ward of Bethel visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrell are spending Christmas with Mr. Harrell's father, Ed Harrell, near Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood and family of Bethel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Miss Ruth Elliott, who is a student at N. C. W., Greensboro, is spending the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elliott.

Miss Katherine Fleetwood, who teaches in Elizabeth City, is at home for the holidays.

John Dobson, of Bluefield, W. Va., is spending sometime with Mrs. Dobson, in Hertford, and is also visiting the family of his son, John T. Dobson, in Edenton.

Miss Elizabeth Tucker, who holds a position at St. Mary's School, in Raleigh, is at home with her mother Mrs. Nathan Tucker, for the holidays. G. E. Newby, Jr., and his family of Rocky Mount, are spending the half-

days with Mrs. G. E. Newby, Sr.

Miss Leah Nachman, who is a student at Massey's Business College, in Richmond, Va., is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman, for the holidays.

Capt. Charlie Lutz, of White Hat, who has been very sick, is recovering and was in town on Saturday.

Miss Mary Elliott, who teaches at Franklinton, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliott.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Dempsey, accompanied by Mrs. Dempsey's sisters, Dorothy and Dalton Strang, spent Christmas day with Mr. Dempsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dempsey, at Windsor.

Miss Virginia Tucker, who holds a position at Hampton, Va., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nathan Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eason of Coewe, Va., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Coewe's mother, Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr.

Wallace Reed, of Rock Hill, S. C., is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reed, near Hertford.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Archie, of Wake Forest, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Archie's mother, Mrs. G. E. Newby.

Miss Marie Anderson, of Raleigh, is the guest of Miss Eva Anne Tucker for the holidays.

### Prominent Southerners Judge Crop Contest



Reading, from left to right—Hon. Allen J. Ellender, Senator Ellison D. Smith, Dr. B. W. Kilgore.

These notable Southerners met in Atlanta last week to judge the entries in the \$5,000 American Nitrate of Soda Crop Contest. On the left is Hon. Allen J. Ellender, speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives. In the middle is U. S. Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, Chairman of the U. S. Senate Committee on Agri-

culture. On the right is Dr. B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh, N. C., former Director of the N. C. Experiment Station and Extension Service. Since there are thousands of entries in the contest, it is no easy task to select the winner of the \$1,000 first prize or the winners of 337 other cash prizes. The names will be announced Dec. 15.

Mrs. E. T. Clarke, who has been confined to her bed for the past ten days by illness, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Brinkley, of Plymouth, are visiting Mrs. Brinkley's mother, Mrs. Nathan Tucker.

Mrs. S. E. Nixon, Willis Jessup and Francis Jessup are spending Christmas at Faison, Fla., as guests of Joseph T. Nixon, Mrs. Nixon's son.

Granberry Tucker, of Raleigh, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Nathan Tucker.

Mrs. Jenkins Walters is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Walton Newbern, at Santa Fe, Fla.

#### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mary V. Miller desire to express their sincere thanks to their good friends and neighbors who came to them during the illness and at the death of their beloved mother with sympathy, help and kindly thoughts. They are grateful for the visits, the beautiful flowers and for all that was done to bring solace to them in their sorrow. —THE FAMILY.

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