

Kin of O'Neill Pair in Rich Gold Strike

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which will be approached from a 100-foot level by stopping. It's firm, solid; it gives every promise of remaining true, Gold Range explorations indicate.

Harold Easterday, secretary-treasurer of Gold Range, made the original discovery. Earlier diggings, a decade ago, suggested the rock might produce — and produce in quality and quantity. Through many long, lean years, he held onto the property. One day, he told his family, it will be a major producer.

Then came a chance meeting with Elam. The result: Incorporation of Gold Range, preliminary explorations — and the virtual certainty, now, the Comstock is a producer.

However, Gold Range isn't going to ignore the old stockpiles from familiar old producers in the Ward territory. In the yesterday, miners discarded this ore as "unprofitable." But this very ore, says Gold Range, has potentials of \$8 ore, according to core drillings.

One old mine acquired by Gold Range is the old B.M. It has some 300,000 tons on the dumps Gold Range plans to process in its mill.

Another is the Utica. It has an other 200,000 tons. A third is the New Market, with another 150,000 tons.

There was a day when the \$9 and \$10 wasn't a profitable milling operation. But in recent years, even \$2 and \$3 ore has been milled — profitably — at Cripple Creek. It can be at Ward, too, says Gold Range.

Then there is the old silver producer — the Blackjack, south and east of Ward. Gold Range has acquired this property, through contract lease, also. It won't be placed into production immediately — but it, too, is part of Gold Range's long-term plans.

"I have faith in Ward," said Elam. "Professor Worcester was

right. There is more pay ore underground than has ever been taken — and that's going clear back to 1859 when the first strike was made.

"The indication is in every test that has been made. "This is a basic Colorado wealth — something the whole state can be proud of. To bring this wealth into the reach of a state is a challenge. We've started the job, and we intend to see it through — all the way."

Late this fall, Elam sent a "sample" shipment of ore produced near the surface of the Comstock diggings to Cripple Creek for a test milling run.

No care was taken to sift out high-grade. "That wouldn't have been representative," said Elam.

The result: Producing ore at \$56.10 a ton. As the shaft deepens, the vein, said Elam, becomes "firmer and firmer." It is remaining true at east-west, he said. And it's anyone's guess on how rich the vein may hold.

"But we wouldn't follow it if we didn't have faith in it," said Elam.

Mr. Elam has done considerable globe-trotting since Easterday turned up the first grains of gold stuff. He has spent considerable time and a lot of his own money to trace owners and buy up stocks of abandoned mines.

He closed down his realty business and began concentrating on gold.

Elam's 12-year relationship with Easterday is a story in itself. Easterday is a holdover from the glorious mining days who felt deep in his heart one day he'd find it. He persisted. And Elam paid a lot of the bills. It was a half-and-half proposition if they struck; if they lost it was Elam's financial loss and Easterday's lost effort.

In December, 1953, the outlook is bright. The Denver Post full-page picture-story December 17 suggested Ward may be on the verge of a two billion dollar gold boom. Thus, Ward — which had a population last winter of eight people — may be on the threshold of a new era, new riches. The song of the miner again may ring, in tumbling echoes, from the valley. And new names may be remembered with Calvin W. Ward, who made the first strike and for whom the mountain town was named, and John Deardorf — discoverer of the rich Columbia vein a short time later.

And the Comstock — a virgin name, now, in Ward history one day may be remembered with the Ni Wot, Madeline, Dew Drop, Columbia and California — all famous mines of Ward's great heritage.

If the \$572.60 assay speaks for itself — it's almost a certainty.



Prospector Harold Easterday (left) and Paul S. Elam (right), president of Gold Range, examine chunks of gold ore recently withdrawn from the old Comstock mine at Ward, Colo. Elam is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva of O'Neill.

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Regular Sale Being Held Today

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- Our hog sale will include around 250 head of feeder pigs.
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O'Neill Livestock Market

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This is a view of one of the Gold Range miners working at a depth of 75 feet in a Ward mine. The gold content in the ore in early assays

SOUTH OF STUART NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Shald and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olberding and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Gilbert Shald home.

Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoffman and family were Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schmaderer and family of Oakland. Afternoon callers were Celia Miksch, Mrs. John Hytrek and Mr. and Mrs. John Miksch.

Kenneth and Maureen Batenhorst entertained 25 young folks to breakfast after midnight mass at the Robert Batenhorst home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoffman and family, Neva Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Papke were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallinger and boys.

Several families enjoyed the program and gift exchange given by Donald Fuller and pupils Tuesday afternoon at district 58.

O'NEILL LOCALS

William J. Froelich, jr., USN, and his cousin, Edward Campbell, returned Saturday after having visited their parents, the William J. Froelich, sr., family and the Edward Campbells. Bill is stationed in Washington, D.C., and Edward is employed in Green Bay, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beach and baby arrived Thursday, December 24, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Beach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wayman and family left Saturday morning for their home in Boulder, Colo., after spending sev-

eral days visiting the Wayman families and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Olk of Petersburg were Christmas day guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutz, and family.

Bob Clinkscales went to Columbus last Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and children. Mr. Clinkscales is associated with Biglins and his family has not moved here yet.

Phil Dempsey and his mother, Mrs. Harry Dempsey, went to Lakewood, Colo., Tuesday, December 22, where they will re-

main for two months. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells of Butte, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wells of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells and Dennis were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allendorfer.

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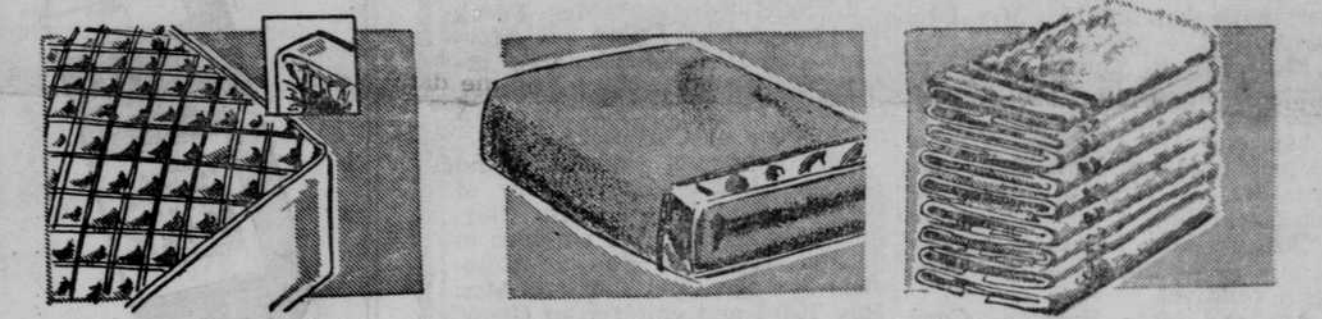


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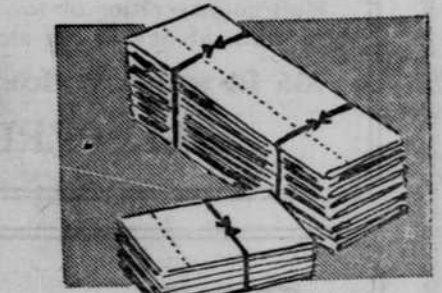


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