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The petty attacks have advertised the superior policies and given recognition to the prominent position attained by the association in the insurance field, have turned public sentiment in our favor, have caused tens of thousands of loyal citizens of the west to espouse the cause of patronage of western institutions for western people, to keep at home in our own banks for investment in our own securities the savings of our people under the beneficent laws of Nebraska.

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OFFICERS, FIELD STAFF, POLICY HOLDERS

The success already attained represents the combined energy, contribution, influence and work of officers, field staff, employes and policy holders who have loyally, faithfully worked together to further the interests of the institution. We invite your active, loyal future support and invite the especial co-operation of the advisory board members, press and people. With this combined support there is no limit to the results to be attained, the advantages to be derived, the position to be realized in the dominion of the future great western empire of America. Respectfully submitted,

B. H. ROBISON,
President.

The large socialist vote in Massachusetts is still being discussed by the Boston papers. The Herald says: "We are acquainted with several prominent republicans in this city who last November voted the socialist ticket because they believed, as they said, that the time had come to make a protest against the growing ascendancy of corporate wealth. Of course, if corporate ascendancy is to continue to increase, the same causes that led the men to whom we refer to vote as they did might tend to make them continue thus voting, and doubtless cause others to follow their example, unless, indeed, the American democracy can formulate a policy for state and national action which would induce these dissatisfied republicans to believe that their hope was to be found in a democratic success." That is a strange kind of talk to come from the chief supporter of the gang that repudiated the Kansas City platform and insisted on nominating as the democratic standard-bearer the greatest corporation magnate in the whole state. Does the Herald begin to surmise that the advocacy of plutocracy is not likely to lead to democratic success?

HOW TO FIND A GOLD MINE

Interesting Story Told Independent Readers by the Mines Exchange, Limited Chicago

Most readers of The Independent will take keen interest in a graphic description of "How a prospector proceeds to find a gold mine."

Prospecting is an occupation fitted only for those accustomed to hard work, for there are times when an enormous amount of physical strength and endurance is required to face unknown privations and do every kind of hard work in the roughest of places, and yet be able to maintain a sound body. Thus it is that the husky lads of the great corn and wheat belts, who lead the healthiest lives in the world, and to whom hard work comes as second nature, make the most successful prospectors. Every great prospector is endowed with an everlasting hope which characteristic he carries with him dearer than life, and without which he, and every man, in any department in life must be an utter failure.

Some great mines have been discovered by the merest accident, just as in men's fortunes there are some who have suddenly like lightning become possessed of the wealth of a Croesus, yet withal, they are few indeed. The same principle holds good in prospecting as in farming or any other branch of business—to be successful means, quoting Proverbs, "What thy right hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

With a small cooking outfit, a stock of provisions, a pair of blankets, prospecting pick, mineral glass and compass, the prospector with an iron nerve and a dauntless heart sets out to face dangers known and unknown for the purpose of wresting from the unyielding earth the yellow treasure of the gods. Of course increased transportation facilities have rendered easy of access many hitherto inhospitable districts of the great west.

To attach a charm of romance and life realism, our narrative therefore should lie in and around regions where still the savage grizzly reigns monarch of all he surveys, and where nothing but the prolonged howl of the wolves and coyotes disturb the stillness of night.

"Drawing higher Glaring at one who nods and winks behind a slowly dying fire."

Thus the poet Tennyson illustrates a man worn out with fatigue, sleeping unconscious of a fierce animal.

We will choose British Columbia as a likely ground for our friend, the prospector.

Once in the mountains, a camp is established. When he is ready to begin work the prospector starts out searching for "float" quartz (pieces of quartz rock which have broken away from the vein and rolled down the mountain). If float is discovered the search for the vein commences; sometimes he may be fortunate enough to find it without difficulty, but invariably it means tracing the float up the mountain side, for obviously the source lies above him. Perhaps after many weary and anxious days the vein is discovered, but of such low value as not to justify him in making a location.

Ore is tested by a very simple process—taking a couple of smooth boulders (mortar rocks) and pulverizing the quartz as finely as possible. Should the prospector be without a gold pan or horn spoon, a tin plate will answer the purpose and he then proceeds to "pan" for colors. If the ore is free milling and carries any values there will be no difficulty finding colors of gold in the pan after washing away the pulverized quartz.

If our prospector stakes a claim, it is evidence that paying values exist. He must needs be cautious to properly locate his claims and avoid possible conflicts with other claimants. At the point where the discovery was made is erected a discovery post or monument, and at each corner of the claim is placed a post or stone monument. Our friend's next move is in the direction of the nearest mining recorder's office where the claim shall be recorded.

Possessing the claim is one thing, but to carry on development work is another. He may, himself, go on for an indefinite time pounding out a few dollars of gold, but if the veins on the surface after having been opened up by him bear undoubted indication of enormous wealth, what is absolutely required is capital, and this is always to the prospector a quantite negligible. Thus it happens that thousands of very valuable claims have remained for years in the hands of the prospector unworked, and apparently a valueless asset.

A recent example of happy success has come before our notice and is

bright reading. In the spring of 1899 two farmer boys hailing from New Brunswick procured employment as woodmen in a lumber camp on Fish creek in British Columbia.

While at work that instinctive "something" which possesses some wandering spirits animated them stronger than ever as the shadow of solemn, awe-inspiring Lexington mountain seemed to fill Fish creek. What untold riches lay there and beyond? The attraction proved too strong and, though knowing nothing of prospecting, the young men eventually decided to join the band of galena hunters for which that part of the Lardear country is famous.

The story of their hardships, which unfortunately is too long to detail here, however, proves that true grit and all those elements of sturdy manliness for which the sons of the soil have no equal.

They started out with the avowed intention of finding a mine; not a prospect, but a mine. Of course they were searching for galena. Having established a camp, one day found them staring at great, prominent croppings of free gold quartz, being 10 to 50 feet wide, and straightway they commenced to work thereon, hoping for galena. After breaking many pieces of quartz they succeeded in finding a few small "bunches" of galena. They remembered having heard someone say, "What nature does on a small scale she can do on a large scale." Reasoning thus they finally decided to locate the claims, confident that by blasting the quartz, their hopes of galena would be realized. The first claim was called the "Eva," but the several claims located came under the heading of the "Eva Group."

Securing all necessary implements—drills, hammers, mining tools and so forth, a tunnel was started on one of the veins. Anxiously and nervously after each blast, the broken quartz was carefully scrutinized, but no galena could be found. Day followed day with increasing feelings of disappointment. But what was that peculiar yellow metal that was everlastingly encountered? It was not galena. Was it gold? No, there was no gold in that camp. It looked like brass. Could it be copper? Probably; yes, copper it must be. Hammering the yellow metal flat on their anvil it was found unbreakable. Still uncertain, finally it was agreed to take a sack of the quartz to Comaplix, where they came in contact with an old prospector who knew gold when he saw it. Gold! Yes, the glittering gold, and the ore was rich. They had blasted tons and tons of this rich ore down the mountain side. Today you can see boulders weighing from 500 to 1,000 pounds which they had blasted; they are literally covered with free gold.

Needless to state the discovery of gold on Lexington mountain caused a veritable stampede. Prospectors came from all parts. Claims were located in every direction. The lads who had discovered the Eva did a little more work, sampling and assaying the surface croppings—gold—gold everywhere. Everything, even the country rock carried low values. The very large vein croppings, while not so rich as the first discovery, carried good values in gold, \$15 to several hundred dollars, while the ore first discovered gave values of \$50 to even \$1,000 per ton in selected samples.

They demonstrated that there were thousands of tons of ore on the surface and that the showing was sufficient to bond the property to parties who had the means to develop at depth the magnificent surface showings. With this end in view the owners listed their property with The Mines Exchange, Limited, which resulted in the property being bonded to local parties with means to explore and develop the veins at depth.

The great truths of political economy are simple, clear and axiomatic. When those principles have been divested of scientific verbiage and made understandable to the common man who cannot devote years to the acquirement of the scientific vocabulary, legislation affecting the creation and distribution of wealth will become sane, the masses of the people will take a long step forward. The science presents many perplexities; it has many abstruse problems yet to solve, but the "principles" upon which the science is based, are like all universal truths very simply in themselves. In a country where all laws concerning the creation and distribution of wealth rests upon the votes of the people, no man can do a greater or more patriotic work than to bring the science of political economy before the people in such a way that the common man can understand it. It has always been the purpose of The Independent to do something toward that end.

AFTER MANY YEARS

How Good Fortune Came at Last to a Woman in Southern Missouri

Good fortune sometimes comes after hopeless years of waiting. So it was with Mrs. T. M. Taylor, of No. 737 West Walnut street, Springfield, Mo. For years she had suffered with severe stomach trouble, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured her, as the following interview will show: "I was afflicted with stomach trouble for about ten years," she said to a reporter. "About a year ago it became acute. Just before confinement I was taken suddenly sick and had fifteen convulsions. I was under the constant care of a physician for months, but did not get more than temporary relief. My stomach felt as if it were full of stones, my kidneys had become affected and my back hurt dreadfully. Sometimes I could hardly get around because of the pain, the least exertion put me out of breath, my head would get dizzy till everything seemed to swim around me, my limbs ached—I was miserable.

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