

RELICS OF OLD SPANISH DIGGINGS.

Pienty of Gold in the Gulches Near the Present Camp Where Mining Was Carried On Centuries Ago.

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What the promising new Wyoming mining district of Gold hill most needs just now is fair play.

It is time that some of the popular misconceptions regarding the district should be corrected, and that speedily. Everything that has been written about Gold Hill by those "who have taken pains to personally investigate the reports of the finds made there has been from a conservative standpoint. No attempt has been made to boom the district. In short, no possible benefit could be derived by anybody, at this time, by an 'exaggeration of the importance of the mineral discoveries which have occasioned such a flurry of excitement in mining circles,

At the outset it ought to be remembered that in speaking of the prospects of Gold Hill those who have any familiarity with that section do not refer especially to the cluster of little camps lying under the shadow of the Snowy range. It does not seem to be generally understood that a mining district has been established, of which the various groups of claims located late last season formed the nucleus. Fortunate locators were so impressed by the favorable indications of ground in the neigborhood of the mountain where they staked off claims that they early took to include the adjacent territory within the limits of a district. Most of that had either not been prospected at all, or bastily and imperfectly explored for indications of mineral deposits.

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WORTH HUNTING FOR.

Talk with any man who has borne the hardships of a rough winter on the summit of the mountain now known as Gold Hill, close up to the edge of the timber line, and he will frankly confess that he does not reard his claims as the saving power of the present camp or the motive for building up another big one there. All are free to admit that the possibilities of the district, as to future strikes, are so great that the good fortune of early locators may be eclipsed.

These pioneers were satisfied in their own minds that rich prospects had been found. They were willing to stand by them. Their faith has been demonstrated not alone by their voluntary exile for an entire winter on

a mountain top, and the devotion, not to say heroirm, with which they have guarded their own claims and those of absent ones. Nor was the protracted stormy senson, with its unusual rigors, passed in idleness. Honest work has been done towards the development of claims, under circumstances that would test the grit and endurance of any man. Nobody would take chances such as these plucky miners and prospectors-for the winter contingent of the instrict has ocen made up of these two dis-tinctive classes—unless they were convinced that they had found something worthy of of any one or all of them are the only development. If they wanted to boom the district, the character of the work done in the northeast corner of what will be No. 16, or the conter section of the township when it is sectionized. Arastra creek, a tributary of the South Brush, crosses it diagonally, cutting it into equal triangles. The Golden Courier corners on Gold City on would have been of an entirely different sort from that which was prosecuted. When a bunko game in a mineral section is attempted it is impossible for a man of experience to be totally deceived. Some traces of such a plot are certain to be detected when he sots the southwest. Gold Hill is just north of Gold City. An o it deliberately to satisfy himself whether or not there is anything in a district. A skeptiofficial survey of that has been ordered by the surveyor general of Wyoming as all the conditions of the law as regards the amount cal investigator must needs have good and abundant proof before he would hazard an opinion unqualifiedly favorable to the locality opinion unquaintenty favoration to be locality and its importance as a probable mineral producer. It doesn't take an expert to size up a camp. The opinion of a practical min-ing man, who has had experience there or elsewhere su&cient to back his judgment with an investment of his own money, is a

NO HIPPODROMING No such thing as gophering has been tried on any of the Gold Hill claims. Men have

gone down on the leads and tunnels have been driven with but one end in view. All have been trying to find out the extent of the ore bodies to satisfy themselves, not to add a commercial value to their discoveries. Claims haven't been hawked about for sale. Where strikes have been made or an im-proved condition shown in the progress of development work, owners of the properties erties refuse to entertain propositions to sell out. Small interests in some claims have been parted with but that was because the sellers had to make a raise

of work would be done on these townsites f

STANDS ON ITS OWN MERITS.

weeks of last season. Perhaps it would have been better if it could have continued to be of money, since most of the prospectors a re-lither poor or nre possessed of limited means. The only advantage to be gained from a known as the Brush creek country. Then the innuendoes that have been cast on the dis-trict would have fallen flat. It isn't the fair rush of people to the present scene of opera-tions would be from the booming of one of four townsites already laid off. At present, thing to dama a district simply because by being handicapped by the elements and em-barrassed by lack of capital a lot of hard working, honest men haven't had sufficient opportunities for showing what they believe though, the snow is so deep that building operations would be difficult, if not a sheer impossibility. Whatever may be done by the owners of these townsites to attract people thither will be of general benefit to the pubto be hidden in nature's treasure house. As a consequence of the ill-advised and splenetic criticism of the district by a certain class an lic. The projectors are planning the con-struction of new roads into the district, which effort has been made to create the impression that somebody is trying to dragoon treasure will necessitate the outlay of much labor and not a little capital. They of course will be assisted by the people of Saratoga and even of Carbon, for the patriotic endeavors and substantial assist-ance of Wyoming people in general to help open up the district are highly meritorious. seekers into wading through snow and slush to a modern Eldorado. Gold Hill miners are

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creek.

too modest to make use of such a term in describing their district. SPANIARDS FOUND GOLD THERE. The long and short of it is that Gold Hill It must be assumed that the townsite peo-pie know what they are about. They have has advertised itself. There is mineral in the district beyond question. Decades and perhaps widently reckoned the cost before hand. If centuries ago Spaniards found it in these very hills. Ruins of their works are to be found in various places in that locality. On North Brush creek are the remains of a hythey didn't think that the claims on Gold Hill proper were bound to turn ont well there wouldn't be any money spent on townsites, nor would there be any rivalry between dif-

draulicking system carried on early in the last century. This work was carefully exferent companies to secure for there respeclast century. This work was carefully ex-amined by Jim Hopkins, a well known resi-dent of the Platte valley, whose standing in the community was well attested last fall when he was a candidate for logislative rep-mention from Carbon courts and the tive tracts, the location of various kinds of business common or needful to a mining dis-Under the law regulating such matters the of the rule of taking up a townsite is to locate the 160 acres comprising it as a group of eight placer claims of 20 acres each. Then if a mineral find is made within its imits, there is no danger of the ground being jumped. It used to be allowresentative from Carbon county, and ran away shead of his ticket. I haven't had an opportunity for studying the ground there, but there are others who corroborate Mr.

depends on the result of the approaching sea-son's prospecting. If the district runs to

gold and the character of the ore continues as now seems likely, free-milling, then stamp

mills could be erected on the mountain top. Should big silver deposits be uncovered then the ore would have to be hauled out of the

district as smelters or other works would never be built that high up, in all probabil-

ne of the parks of the North or South Brush

It was only natural that a name of some

sort should be given to a locality where there was activity such as marked the closing

The best location for these would be in

topkins' story and theory. It would appear that these early gold seekable for the cost or expense of erecting build-ings on placer claims or a townsite to be ers started in to tunnel under the drift and gravel in the canon. They drove in toward a hill with a steep slope, fully five hundred to reckoned in as part of the \$500 worth of im provements requisite under the law before an official survey could be ordered. This has six hundred yards away in an easterly direc-tion. Why the work was abandoned is merely a matter of conjecture. Time has wrought been changed, of late, and now it is neces-sary that ditches must be dug and other work performed requiring the outlay of \$500, uch havoc with the old enterprise that there s much mystification as to its character. But exclusive of any investment in buildings. If there wasn't some evidence to base a cal hat a tunnel once existed there seems little room for doubt. As to its antiquity, some idea may be formed by stating that in the mouth of the abandoned tunnel a tree has culation that people could be induced to locate permanently or temporarily in the neigh borhood of the claim and buy Luidung sites grown up, the age of which, reckoned by is it likely that at least \$1,500 or \$2,000 worth umber of rings, is estimated at one hundred and tweaty-five years at least. How long after the Spanish exodus this sentinel took up its watch over the old works nobody

Gold Hill needs no apologist can tell. It may have been as far back as Coronado's time that these diggings were worked or safely it can be said 150 But it is well that a proper understanding should be had of the condition of things there. With that end in view THE BEE has years ago some treasure seekers, probably of the Spanish race, deived there for the undertaken to explain just what has been done in the way of development and the prospects for work in the future. Nobody ought to be offended at that. As to the three town sites referred to. precious metal. NO USE FOR SILVER.

old conquerors and adventurers, Those Those one conductors and adventurers, history tells us, appear to have had no thoughts for mineral other than gold. They passed by silver leads and rich ledges with-out bothering about such deposits. Gold they knew where to find and how to get it They can be dismissed by a brief mention since the history and aims of the projectors lative features of the district thus far. Gold City, as it has been named, has been laid out in the northeast corner of what will be No May it not have been that when they had

tunneled into the Brush creek canon's side they struck a silver lead! Is it too much to presume that they preferred to hunt other gold fields in preference to opening up a storchouse of silver! These thoughts suggest themselves when it is recalled that there are on all sides indications of the preseace of silver ore in large quantities.

If it paid Spaniards to wash and even tun-If it paid Spaniards to wash and even tun-nel for gold, it looks as though the pros-pectors and miners of today with the ex-perience and appliances for such prospecting would have a good field on the Brush creeks. Those streams swellen by the flood of waters of work, etc., have been complied with. That plat lies under the hill below the Leviathan claim on which developement work is farthest advanced of all the claims in the camp. The Golden Age is due south of Gold City. At the head of North Brush creek another group of placer claims called the Monarch has been that have poured down from the mountains summer after summer have undoubtedly

era in the shape of a side. That is preposterous. Rather the slide came from Gold Hill, which may at one time have shape of a slide. us. Rather the slide came been the most prominent peak in all that range and towered aloft above the snowy range, even as that does over the Gold Hill of today. It is noticeable that all the big streams on the western slope of the range have their source on Gold Hill or around it. The waterways have not changed their course in centuries. Streams that have their neadwaters in other and more lofty

mountains are feeders to the Brush creeks. north and south

PLENTY OF WATER.

While it may be true that there are large areas where the alluvial deposits are richer than those in the Brush creek section, it would be difficult to find an equal track of what may be regarded as new ground-so far as prospecting is concerned-which possesses like advantages as regards the water supply. Not only hydraulicking can be prosecuted successfully, but grass-root washings and gravel deposits can be worked single-handed. It has been done be fore, and now with better facilities and the impetus of competition and co-operation or pooling with one's neighbors the locator of a placer claim would stand a good show of realizing a good return for a season's work.

Brawn and persistence are capital sufficient in such an undertaking. Gold Hill may produce bonanzas. Even should such results fail of realizing the fame of the district is likely to linger for long on account of the gold which was once embedded there and has been mined by the elements, there and has and only awaits being cleaned up by men who will take the trouble to do it. GEORGE F. CANIS.

## Dr. Birney cures catarrn. Bee bldg. TRAIN MEN'S TROUBLES.

Strikes on the Colorado Divisions-Railroad Notes.

The freight conductors and brakemen on the Fort Worth division of the Union Pacific handling coal trains on the divisions between Pueblo and Trinidad, and between Trinidad and Texline, have precipitated a strike on those two subdivisions which has resulted in completely blocking freight traffic in that region and compelling the coal mines to be closed until the difficulty is adjusted.

The men on the coal runs struck and the other freight men on the divisions named struck out of sympathy.

The cause of all the trouble was a demand on the part of the coal crews for an increase in pay which was not replied to with that celerity which the men thought the occasion demanded, so they struck Thursday night and induced the other freight men to follow their example. As soon as the news of the strike reached

headquarters in this city telegrams were sent to the chiefs of the various railway organizations and they have arrived in the city. Grand Chief Clark, of the Order of Railway Conductors, Grand Master Wilkinson of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and George Vroman, chairman of the board of engineers of the Union Pacific system, were in close conference with Messrs. Clark and Holcomb of the Union Pacific all yesterday and Grand Chief Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen is

expected today, One of these high officials that the men struck without stated having proper authority to do so and without having sent any committee to confer with the management of the road.

It is probable that the matter will be ad-justed without any serious difficulty and the strikers will likely receive a few lurid instructions regarding their rights and privi-CITUS.

The chiefs of the railway organizations were in conference with Messrs. Clark and Holcomb of the Union Pacific all day yesterday and as a result the striking trainmen were ordered to return to work and appoint committee to come to Omaha and present the claims of the men for more pay.

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and the causes which are assigned to the present hard times, was somewhat astonished at the well known real estate agent's reply.

"Hard times!" said he, "why I don't that there is such a I have heard on the know thing. street and in the club that Omaha is experioneling a business depression, but seriously I have fancied the assertion a myth, a bugbear which should be at once abolished.

"At least, if there is such a thing there should be no more of it, for the real estate business is better today than it has been for three years past.

"The best proof of the pudding, however, is the enting of it, and here's where you eat it," said Mr. Gibson turning to his ledger, "last Tuesday Brad D. Slaughter bought through me a fine home on Wirt street in Kountze Place for \$14,500, and the next day I sold Dr. W. M. Christie another place on Pinckney street for \$6,500.7

"Then yesterday I closed the star deal of the week. To George A. Josiyn I sold the elegant Kountze Place home of Louis Mendelssohn, the architect, who

is going on an extended trip abroad. Mr. Joslyn paid \$19,500 for this and \$2,500 more for the vacant lot adjoining. "I could go on and give you samples like that by the hour, but this week's work in Kountze place is not so bad.

"One of the reasons for the rush for Kountze Place property is the club house movement which was mentioned in Sunday's BEE. This proposed new feature is a family club house modled very much after The Mosier of St. Louis. It will consist of club rooms, a small theater where amateur performances may be given, a large ball coom, bowling alley, and in fact everything that distinguishes the modern club house. It will also be surrounded by a garden where the families of the members may sit and enjoy their ice cream and lemon ice. It will be planted with trees and eventually be one of the attractive places for all the north part

of the city." Mr. Gibson, be it said, with the single exception of Mr. Kountze, has done more toward the upbuilding of Kountze Place than any other one man. He handles all the property in this addition for Mr Kountze, and that he does his work well is evidenced by the sales he records from there nearly every day.

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and toilet sponges ever seen in this city, ranging in prices from 5c to \$20,00 each. The Central pharmacy make a specialty of fine toilet articles and perfumery. In their prescription department their motto is: "Pure drugs, careful manipulotion and moderate prices."

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