

FROM THE FARTHER WEST

COCOS ISLAND TREASURES

Searchers Claim to Have Located the
Hidden Gold and Jewels.

AFRAID TO TAKE THE PLUNDER AWAY NOW

Island Said to Contain a Half Dozen
Inhabitants and \$30,000,000.—The
Old Story of the Theft of
Peruvian Gold.

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Their mission, undertaken with all the secrecy that envelope expeditions of its nature, was to find and dig for the stolen gold and jewels of a proud government, that for sixty years have lain hidden upon a rock-bound island of the Pacific.

Despite the multitudes of obstacles that confront the searchers, the party claim they were successful, that the treasure of \$18,000,000 was located, and in less than two years from now \$10,500,000 of it will be divided between Willis Aumock, and his wife, A. E. Graham, Edward Graham, Hugh Stewart and Eugene R. Ayers. These six persons claim they are the only people left who hold the secret, and without their knowledge it will be impossible for any one to carry away the princely fortune that in 1838 was stolen by the crew of the bark Mary Dea of Boston, Mass., from the Peruvian government and buried upon Cocos Island.

STORY OF THE ROBBERY.

This is the story of the robbery as they tell it:

In 1838 the bark Mary Dea, under the command of Captain John Keaton, sailed from Boston for Peru. The name of the first mate of the bark was Thompson. At that time the Peruvian government was engaged in her bitter struggle with Chile and the fortunes of war were such that when the Mary Dea arrived at Callao the crew was momentarily expectant of an invasion from the forces of Chile. None of the war ships of the former government happened to be in the harbor at the time, and in order to save the funds of the national treasury, the church plate and the wealth of many private individuals, the Peruvian government sought the protection of the United States, and Captain Keaton, who had been sent for a goodly consideration to hide the treasure upon his ship until the crisis had passed.

This he consented to do and the immense treasure, consisting of gold, silver and diamonds, was secretly brought aboard. The Mary Dea and stored away. A guard was posted to keep the treasure safe, and it was thought that Captain Keaton could withstand, so, during the silent watches of the night, the guard was overpowered and murdered, the anchor chain was slipped and the anchor left behind and the criminal captain and his band of fellow thieves set sail and got away undiscovered. They reached Cocos Island eighteen days later and buried their treasure.

Maddened beyond the point of human endurance and with their blood boiling for revenge for the theft that had been perpetrated upon them, the government officials of Peru, as soon as they could communicate with them, sent a force of men to catch the Mary Dea. The bark was overhauled three days after leaving Cocos Island, the crew were killed and Captain Keaton and Mate Thompson were taken aboard the war ship to be carried back to Peru to tell where they had buried the treasure or to suffer the penalty of death.

When the ship was returning to Callao it was beset, and as fortune would have it, an American whaler was also beset near it. For some strange reason Keaton and Thompson were allowed the liberty of the deck and they saw and recognized the American whaler. They managed one night to slip away and get into the American vessel to the water. Then they swam to the whaler and here fortune again favored them, for before their absence was discovered a breeze sprang up and the American vessel spread her sails. When the sun rose she was out of sight of the war ship.

The two men, now assuming names and some weird story of capture and harsh treatment to the captain of the whaler. The officers of the Peruvian war ship, when they missed their prisoners, supposed that they had attempted to swim to the other ship and that they had been drowned in the attempt, and besides the whaler having disappeared they did not know in which direction to search for them.

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Several years ago Willis Aumock met Young in Mexico and they became friends. This ripened into intimacy, and in a mutual exchange of confidences Young told Aumock of the hidden treasure and offered for a sum

TAPE WORMS

A tape worm eighteen feet long at least came on the scene after my taking two CASCARETS. This I am sure has caused my bad health for the past three years. I am still taking Cascarets the only cathartic worthy of notice by sensible people.

GEO. W. BOWLES, Baird, Mass.

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OMAHA'S CHAMPIONS IN LINE

Western League Bars Ball Club About
Ready to Play.

O'BRIEN COMPLETES HIS REGIMENT

DENNY LYONS SIGNS TO PLAY FIRST AND
CAPTAINS THE TEAM, AND MEM-
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Manager O'Brien of the Omaha base ball team has returned from Chicago, and with him comes information that will be enthusiastically received by the fans who have been wondering for the last two weeks where they were at. This is to the effect that President Johnson has finally secured the contracts of nearly every member of the team, and that the men who have been on the waiting list will report for duty at once. Most of them are expected here today, and is expected that before the end of the week the entire team will be on hand.

It has been found impossible to secure Decker, but Denny Lyons has been secured to play first base and manage the team. Lyons is not as hard a hitter as either Tucker or Decker, but he is as good a first baseman as any of them and his experience and judgment will be valuable factor in the future success of the team. Peter Fisher and Hemming have been signed, and the Omaha club now has the fastest complement of twirlers in the Western League.

As the team now stands Manager O'Brien has about twenty players from which to select. He has signed, Peter Fisher, Alister, Blanion, Jordan and Hayes; pitchers—Fisher, Hemming, Hazeman, Turner and Watkins; fielders—Lyons, Eustace, Root, McKinney, Clements and Griffin; out-fielders—Barnett, Camp, Lawler, McKibbin and Whiting. No team in the league has a better record of wins from front to back than the champion Chicago White Stockings.

The Pequannock Oil company, with its oil refinery at Casper and its now actively producing oil wells in the Salt Creek basin, will add this year probably ten new wells, and besides will purchase the products of any new wells put down in the Salt Creek basin to the Casper refinery being one of the company's contemplated enterprises for this year. This company now has a contract with the King Transportation company whereby 150 barrels of crude oil are sampled every three days by freight teams at the Casper refinery, with a possible extension on the contract to 200 barrels every three days, the refinery itself having provided for a constant surplus storage of 1,000 barrels of oil.

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