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Remember

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September 10th & 11th

Two battles (11am & 2pm) Saturday
and one (11am) on Sunday.

*Pie eating contest grouped by age, marshmallow
whistle contest & kids (10 & under) coin hunt. All
held between the two battles on Saturday.*

KIMBALL WEBSTER'S STORY

Before we were rescued the water had reached to his waist, as he stood upon the tree, and he could ascend no higher. Mr. Burch and Captain Bonner both said that they never expected to see another day, and they would have it no other way from the moment of the accident until the rescue.

Mr. Burch stated and several times repeated it, that he would willingly give all he possessed in the world to be set on shore. I made the reply that I would pay fifty dollars to any one to put me ashore safely, but that was the extent I would give.

After getting ashore I found my limbs so benumbed that it was with great difficulty that I could walk a step.

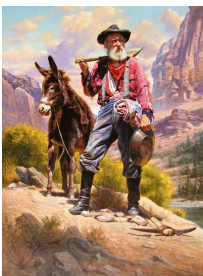
About ten o'clock we partook of a little breakfast that

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Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the
monthly meeting with a potluck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be
announced by the President and posted in the newsletter.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



Yesterday's News

GOLD IN P. MARANTI'S CLAIMS

Peter Maranti returning to Murray from his West Eagle Property a few days ago brought in some excellent specimens of gold ore carrying free gold plainly visible to the naked eye. Maranti's claims are about six miles from Eagle and he reports an unusually good showing in the face of the tunnel, (The Wallace Miner July 21, 1910)

HOLY TERROR-A contract for 100 feet of tunnel work has been let to Ole Holk and work on this is to commence at once. Development operations had to be suspended temporarily. The contract price is about \$10 a foot. The property was recently incorporated and is located in the Murray section. A splendid showing of ore has been made in the upper workings.

OROFINO-An inspection of the property was made during the week by Dr. G.R. Stewart of Spokane. Dr. Stewart expressed himself as well satisfied with the outlook and bought back a number of samples of clean shipping ore. Arrangements have been made for the erection of a concentrator and it is expected that active work in this direction will be commenced in the near future. The property is located near Murray.

Lucky Four - Bids are being asked for the driving of 50 feet of tunnel on the Lucky Four claim owned by this company. The tunnel is to be an extension of the present workings. The mine is located on Vendetta Gulch near Murray.

Cooper Claims - Some nice looking crystallized lead has been encountered in the

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Question #1: Is gold fever something bad or good?

The answer to this question could be the subject of long philosophical discussions and when addressed to the family (Especially wives of gold miners/prospectors) of ones smitten by the gold bug a huge range of answers will come forth.

I will offer some observations, opinions and one recent story of gold fever striking someone. Yes, "Gold Fever" can become hard to control at times. The quest for gold can captivate the human mind and soul and cause all kinds of changes ...some may be OK, some effects good... and some results ...bad.

The good news is that many entertain a little gold fever that is compartmentalized into their life quest as many people have hobbies, gardening, riding bikes, fishing, hunting, shopping, collecting certain things. Such affairs are kept in check with that person's place in their family, keeping a home, ones means of lively hood and social responsibilities. Such gold related activities add adventure, excitement, good friends, goals and entertainment to one's life. Personally it has helped along with a good diet courtesy of my wife's garden/cooking to keep in reasonable physical shape as I push into my 70's. Yes I think it has made my life "richer" from this perspective. Many share the observation that just the quest or looking (rather than just the finding of gold) is in itself very enjoyable and satisfying.

The bad news: Gold Fever can in its worst form become like an addictive drug that not only isolates the one so afflicted but also to make a series of bad decisions that can have negative effects on one's family, friends, their livelihood and economic circumstances. We have seen ones that while being successful in finding quantities of gold sacrificed way too much (in our view) of everything thing else important in life: (family, marriage, job, home, friends, their health and such). More often than not such afflicted ones are unable to satisfy their golden quest in ounces, they seem to caught up in greed and seem in the end are unhappy with their life.

So a little sparkle of gold fever is OK... So I offer this advice "Enjoy the search, go with some friends/family, find some gold, enjoy the time out doors, Strike it rich with adventure". Recently I joined a film crew making episodes about gold mining and adventure for a You Tube channel. So far it has been fun and we

have recorded some good stories and adventure of gold mining. In filming one episode we witnessed this event about gold fever.

Story: Delayed response to "Gold Fever" 5-14-2022 :

The assistant photographer Kalli of the production crew filming "The Gold Vlog" on the You Tube channel, is also the office manager for the Producer Mike Bonafide's business "Gold Nuggets for Sale.com". On a daily basis Kalli ships bags of expensive gold bearing concentrate to ship to prospective gold panners to learn to pan, sells gold nugget specimens via mail order/ website, high end quartz gold specimens, inventories new gold shipments that come in, grades the gold etc. **Handling gold is her work** and she competently and dedicatedly accomplishes her "golden tasks". We had never seen her get excited about the gold she handled or displayed at the gold show circuit including a spectacular quartz gold specimen priced at \$150,000. However one day we suddenly realized that until this moment in her life the "gold fever" had never reached her head. She was with us filming the sluice clean up at the Golden Lodge on Coyote Creek in SW Oregon. After we ran the big excavator and trommel and were in the clean up process of the concentrates she spotted a thin flat 3mm gold flake on the rusty sluice bottom after we removed the carpets and mats and washed down the silt into a tub. She picked it up and we saw the excitement in her eyes and she gasped for breath. "I found gold....Gold....GOLD!"

Then the next day after filming an episode in Cot-
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had been prepared for us, it being the first of anything we had eaten for upward of forty hours. On an investigation a little later we found the river had risen about twenty-five feet during the night, occasioned from the heavy rains together with the melting of large bodies of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

After two days' rest we all felt nearly or quite as well as if nothing had befallen us, and strange as it may seem, not one of the party even caught the slightest cold from all the exposure.

The night of the 8th of January, 1850, will probably be long remembered by all of this little party of four men.

At that time the great freshet and overflow at Sacramento City was experienced, which destroyed an enormous amount of property and caused so great an amount of sickness, suffering and death—when it was said the population of the city decreased about three-fourths in the space of six weeks, owing to deaths from cholera, fevers and others diseases, and from immigration to other places.

CHAPTER VII LIFE IN THE MINES

After a lapse of 44 years—January, 1894—I resumed this narrative.

The foregoing was written not long after the events therein written had transpired, from notes taken from day to day. All those events were then fresh in my memory.

Such notes as I took subsequent to the 9th of January, 1850, while I remained in California, and later while I was in Oregon, were not so copious and full, and what I may hereafter write in relation to my experiences in those states (then territories) for the next four years and more will be drawn from these scanty notes, with the assistance of a very retentive memory.

At the date of the sad experience with the boat on the Feather River, January 9, 1850, I was a young man of a little more than twenty-one years of age; while at this time I am more than sixty-five, yet my memory is still quite fresh in regard to many of those events that transpired in those times, while I doubt not that many others of equal interest may have been forgotten altogether; or I may retain only a partial or faint recollection of them at this time.

In consequence of this, whatever I may write in the following pages will be

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such only as I distinctly remember, and they will be a few of the leading incidents connected with my residence in California and Oregon until August, 1854, when I returned to New Hampshire.

After a rest of two days from January 9, 1850, the time of the accident with the boat, we again resumed work with Mr. Burch, and soon after commenced the excavation of the ditch, which was for the purpose of a fence on three sides of a field of ten acres, Feather River to form the boundary on the remaining side. The land was sandy and free from stones, and the shoveling excellent. We made a very good job, as by hard work we could each excavate four or five rods a day. The weather at this time was pleasant. The rainy season had not entirely passed, but February was a fine month and very agreeable.

After the ditch was completed, as Mr. Burch had no more work for us, we traveled down the river to Yuba City, a small, new village on the west bank of the Feather River, opposite the mouth of the Yuba River.

At that time Marysville, situated on the other side of Feather River and a short distance up the Yuba, was composed of very few buildings, with the exception of Nye's ranch, which was one of the old California adobe ranches. This was substantially at the head of steam navigation on Feather River, and there was quite a rivalry between the two "cities"—each trying to become *the* "city."

Yuba City had the first beginning, but Marysville later outrivaled her and became the more important place. At this time two or three small steamers plied between Sacramento, Yuba City and Marysville. The largest of these was a flat-bottomed boat of considerable size, which, if I remember correctly, was the *Vezie*. It was owned by a company from Maine, called the *Vezie Company*, and was built in Maine, taken around Cape Horn on a vessel, and set up in California. I believe Captain, Colonel or General *Vezie* was at the head of the company.

Green oak wood was used for fuel to operate the steamboat, and as there was quite a number of men present, members and stockholders of the company, a small board shanty was erected a short distance below Yuba City for the accommodation of the choppers who undertook to cut the fuel for the steamer from the oaks that grew near by.

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The majority of these men were young and were entirely unused to such hard manual labor as chopping, and the outcome was that eight or ten of them could not, or did not, cut a sufficient amount of wood to supply the boat with fuel.

Shortly after our arrival at Yuba City, I met the agent of the steamboat company and made an agreement with him to cut 100 cords of wood at \$6.50 per cord.

The wood was to be cut three feet in length and split, but no deduction was to be made on account of its short length. I informed Pinney and Butler of the contract I had entered into, and of course they expected to take part in the job.

Mr. Pinney was a native of Vermont, and cutting cord wood had been his principal work for many years.

For several years previous to his immigration to California he had resided in Pelham, and had cut wood for about nine months in each year, being engaged at haying and other work for the farmers during the heated term of summer. He was noted in Pelham as being an expert chopper, one that could cut more wood in a given time than any other man known in or about Pelham. Mr. Butler and myself both knew how to use the axe, but had never cut very much cord wood.

Mr. Pinney made the remark that in all probability he would cut as much wood as Mr. Butler and myself together. I made the reply, that if he should cut twice as much wood as I did, I would leave the job.

A ferry spanned the river from this place to the Marysville side, and the fare for foot passengers was fifty cents each way.

No axes were on sale in Yuba City, and Mr. Pinney was selected to go to Marysville and purchase three chopping axes. In due time he returned with the axes—three being the entire stock found in the market in Marysville.

As I remember, the price paid was ten dollars each, without helms. One of them was about the ordinary size and weight for a chopping axe, while another was a large, heavy one, and the

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third light and small like a boy's axe. Mr. Pinney selected the one of medium size for himself, and said that Mr. Butler and I could make such arrangements as we should choose in regard to the other two. I gave Mr. Butler his choice and he took the heavy one. We made arrangements with a man by the name of Galushia, who had a tent, to supply us with board at the price of two dollars per day. He did the cooking over a fire outside the tent.

We each made a helve and hung the axes and began chopping. The wood was the white oak species and was growing a short distance back from the river. The trees were principally large, very old and brash, not very tall but with numerous large branches spreading over a wide surface. The trees were scattering, with no underbrush, "oak openings." It was seldom that we cut the trunks of the trees into wood, but left them on the ground, making use of the branches only. In many instances we would climb the trees and cut off the branches and leave the trunk standing.

The first of my work at chopping caused my hands to blister badly. It was late in the forenoon when I commenced, and when it became night I felt an anxiety to know about how much I had succeeded in cutting. I piled and measured it, when I found I had cut in the short day, one and one-quarter cords, or had earned over eight dollars.

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Gold is \$1,774.20 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,812.10 an ounce!

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limits of my medication!***

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You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times. The fees are \$20 per family per day, \$30 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$100 per family per week and \$300 per family per month.
Please call 208-699-8128 or 208-682-4661 for reservations.

To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to **439 Eagle Creek Road**, the Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. **GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W**

By the agreement made we were not required to pile the wood, but the company was to have it drawn out and piled on the bank of the river, where it could be measured.

We were not a long time in completing the contract of cutting one hundred cords, and we made another contract to cut another hundred cords. Each of us had our wood kept separate and piled by itself. Some days, when I was fortunate in the selection of a good tree, I would cut as much as four cords; while on some other days, when I had a bad tree, I would not cut more than two cords. The first week or ten days of chopping caused my hands to become very sore, so much so that the helve of the axe would be covered with blood when they came in contact with it.

MARCH 1, 1850

After having worked at chopping about one month and having had our wood drawn out and measured, it was found I had cut almost two-thirds as much as had Mr. Pinney, and Mr. Butler had cut about one-half as much.

As spring was approaching and as gold mining was our chief object and uppermost in our minds as a means by which to make a fortune in California, we thought the time was near at hand when we should select a mining claim for the coming summer.

At that time it was almost the universal opinion among the miners of California that the beds of the rivers and large streams must be very rich with gold dust. That to turn the water from its natural channel so as to be able to work out the gravel from the bed of the stream, a quick fortune was almost sure to result.

The mines had been worked for a comparatively short time, and this plan had not been tested in only a few instances. The theory was that as gold was found in greater or lesser quantities along the shores of nearly all the streams, in almost every bar, and in paying quantities in a great number of them, if the river bed could be worked there would be necessarily large deposits of the yellow metal, as owing to its great specific gravity it would naturally seek the lowest levels and there remain.

The rivers in the mountains were a succession of falls and rapids, and at many such places it was practical to construct temporary dams, so as to turn the streams from their channels for a greater or lesser distance.

Almost the entire mining population of Feather River in the spring of 1850 was engaged in enterprises of this nature. Many had selected their mining claims in the autumn previous or in the early winter, and had worked upon them during the winter in making preparations to carry their project into execution as early in the spring as the water should become low enough to permit of its being successfully carried out. The Pelham company owned a claim on the south fork of Feather River, where they had built and were occupying a comfortable log-house, and had expended much time and labor in making the necessary preparations.

They bought a pitsaw with which they sawed sufficient plank for the construction of a long flume to carry the water a considerable distance. In appearance it was one of the most promising gold claims in the mountains. It was almost certain that for each one of the company there was a fortune awaiting in the bed of the stream.

Numerous similar companies were constructing improve-

ments of greater or lesser magnitude. Everybody seemed sanguine of success.

We were doing fairly well at cutting wood and could continue to cut for the Vezie Company at six dollars per short cord. We could earn on the average, including some rainy weather, twelve or fifteen dollars a day.

But we naturally reasoned something different. If our friends in the mines should *strike it rich* and succeed in making a moderate fortune in a few months and we should spend our time cutting wood when we had the opportunity of securing a claim at some place along the river, perhaps equally as rich as others, we should regret that we did not attend to it at the opportune time.

After discussing the matter in many different aspects, it was decided by us that Mr. Pinney would remain and cut wood, while Mr. Butler and myself would go up the river into the mountains and endeavor to secure a claim.

Consequently, we left Yuba City and went up the Feather River into the mining country. After prospecting for several days, we succeeded in securing a claim on the middle fork of Feather River, nearly thirty miles above Bidwell's.

At this time large quantities of snow still remained in the mountains above Bidwell's Bar. We made sufficient arrangements to comply with the mining rules and regulations to hold the claim, and formed a company.

The names of all of this company I do not at this time recall, but at least there were two additional men that made the journey with us from Boston to California—Alden J. Nutting, of Westford, Mass., and Cyrus Whittemore, of Antrim, N.H.

The most promising claims had been selected and we made the best arrangements that seemed practical at that time.

The winter of 1849-50 was noted for the great amount of rain that fell in the valleys and the enormous depth of snow that accumulated in the mountains. It was not expected that the streams would become sufficiently low so as to admit of working our claim before June.

After making the arrangements to hold the claim we returned to Bidwell's and did some mining there and at a place on the middle fork of Feather River, about 15 miles from Bidwell's. The water being high our success was poor.

Capt. Robert D. Bonner went into trade then in company with another man and desired to hire some money at 10 per cent interest per month.

I loaned him a considerable sum, but unfortunately I never received from him any interest nor any part of the principal. I soon afterwards lost sight of him and never knew his fate. As he had become very dissipated probably he did not survive long.

Hay had sold at very high prices the winter previous, in some of the cities as high as \$500 per ton.

While at Yuba City I became acquainted with a man by the name of Damon. Mr. Damon made the proposition that we go up Feather River to a suitable place and there cut and stack a lot of hay and sell it later. He said he could not mow himself, but that he would hire a man to mow with me, and as he owned a horse, he would draw the hay together and pile it up, and we would sell it before the rainy season should set in.

I acquiesced in the proposition and we went up the river a few

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Treasurers Report July 2022

Balance Forward from June 30, 2022 \$19,921.81

Income:

Memberships:	\$350.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle Sales:	\$148.00
Monthly Meeting Merchandise Sales:	\$50.00
Life Flight Memberships: (5)	\$325.00
Interest:	\$0.17
Total income	\$873.17

Disbursements:

Consumer Cellular:	\$18.62
Idaho State Tax Commission:	\$639.80
Rathdrum Community Center:	\$80.00
/18/22 Northwest Offset Printing: July Newsletter	\$183.63
Total Disbursements:	\$922.05

Summary:

Balance Forward: June 30, 2022	\$19,921.81
Total July 2022 Income:	\$873.17
Total July, 2022 Disbursements:	\$922.05
Ending Balance: July 31, 2022	\$19,872.93

By Mark Cook

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miles to a place where we found the grass was quite good. We bargained for the right to cut as much as we might desire for a nominal sum from a man that owned a ranch nearby. He was a squatter and probably had no more right to the grass than we had.

Mr. Damon owned one scythe and we succeeded in finding another—an old one—which we purchased for about fifty dollars. Mr. Damon hired Alden J. Nutting, before mentioned. Mr. Nutting was a short, thick set, robust, muscular man, and seemed to be in the enjoyment of good health.

The grass grew on the river bottom and was the natural product of the soil. It stood quite thick and was a fair crop, but had been trampled by cattle that had ranged over it and fed upon it at will, which caused it to be slow and difficult mowing.

We commenced mowing on Monday morning and I continued mowing every day through the week until Saturday night. Mr. Nutting complained of being exhausted and quit work at Thursday noon, but resumed again on Friday morning. There was no dew there at the time and the hay remained in the swath as it fell from the scythe, where it cured perfectly.

The next week we pitched it together into small piles where we loaded it upon a wagon and formed it into a square pile on the ground in a broad, open field.

Rakes of any kind we did not use. We did some more mowing for Mr. Damon, as he would need some to feed to his horse.

Our stack of hay was about 40 feet long by 30 feet wide and ten or eleven feet high, and was estimated to contain twenty tons.

It is impossible at the present time, after the lapse of nearly forty-five years, to give from memory a *connected* account of *all* the transactions in which I was engaged during the spring, summer and fall of 1850. Consequently, I will write about events of which I find my original minutes, or others of which I still have a distinct memory, without regard to the exact dates or order in which they transpired. It is possible that some events which I may relate may have taken place at a time previous to that of cutting the hay.

Some time I believe during that spring as Mr. Pinney and myself were returning from the mines on our way to Marysville, or Yuba City, we made a stop at Charles Burch's ranch, where we met a party of surveyors.

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and elderly or disabled family members (age 65+) living in the same household.

If interested, please fill out the form (sent by email) and it along with a check made payable to the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association, PO Box 2307, Post Falls, ID 83877 or bring to the July or August meeting. All applications and payments must be in by August 20 2022, **NO LATER!**

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It strolls through, taking its time,
getting to know everyone personally.**

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group of claims being developed by B.F. Cooper on Tributary Gulch in the Murray section.

(The Wallace Miner September 2, 1919)

EAGLE CREEK PLACER

From parties who recently visited Eagle Creek it is learned that 10 or 12 men are employed by Archie Smith and Rufus Dunlap on their Bedrock Flume enterprise and that it is expected that gravel will soon be moving. The flume that will provide the hydraulic power is completed and the Bedrock Flume will soon be ready for use. The ground to be worked has long been productive and it is expected that with facilities to handle a

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A number of us meet at Zips, across the highway from the Senior Center for dinner at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting. Come join us!

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Note: If you would like to become an officer of the Association or a member of any of our committees, please contact one of the board members above. A club or association is only as good as those who volunteer their talent and time!

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The engineer, Robert Elder, a Scotchman who had been employed for twelve years as an assistant engineer on the Michigan and Illinois canal, said to us that he was short of help and would like to employ us for a short time if our price was satisfactory.

Having no particular work in view, we set our price at eight dollars per day with board. Mr. Elder thought that was more than he could afford to pay for help that had had no experience at such work, but said we could go to work on trial for two or three days.

He was laying out a new city a short distance farther up the river, it being a mile square, or nearly so. He had then worked upon it for a few days. The survey was being done for a company in Sacramento City, who later erected one or two large buildings, and made considerable effort to get a city started, but at length it proved to be a "paper city," as has been the fate of numerous other like schemes in the West. We commenced work and after a few days were constantly expecting a notice of acquittal from Mr. Elder, or otherwise a reduction of wages. Nothing, however, was said by either party in regard to it for nearly two weeks, when I inquired of him how much longer he supposed our services would be needed. His reply was: "I would like to have *you* stay a good while.

Mr. Elder was a very kind man, yet he was somewhat eccentric, and his likes and dislikes very decided. Up to that time I had no reason to believe that he had any preference for me over Mr. Pinney.

To be continued.....

Potluck Dinner Details

Potluck Dinner every Saturday night @ 5pm, except at the outing potluck which is the Saturday after the second Thursday of the month which is still at 4pm.

Bring a dish or two, beverage of choice and your table service.

Come and enjoy the company and food.

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large amount of gravel economically the enterprise will prove a big payer. (The Wallace Miner June 1, 1922)

BELIEF THAT OPERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON A LARGE SCALE NEXT SEASON

Under the direction of J.S. Wyatt, a large force of men was engaged for a period of about 4 months last year prospecting the ground of the Coeur d'Alene Mining Company, which extends from the mouth of Prichard Creek to it's headwaters, a distance of about 13 miles, including all the ground along the creek except the Golden King and a claim owned by Ben Walker. Two Keystone drills were kept busy day and night systematically sinking prospect holes to bedrock covering a large section of the ground. While no information was given out as to the result of this prospecting, the impression prevails around Murray that it was very satisfactory and that dredging operations on a large scale will be inaugurated next spring. This large tract of placer ground was originally sold to a Boston syndicated by the late Barry N. Hilliard, but is now believed to have passed into the hands of the Guggenheim Exploration Company. (The Wallace Miner November 30, 1916)

GOLD

The gold produced in Idaho in 1922 was valued at \$501,405 and most of it came from Quartzburg, Boise County, from the dredges at Murray and Featherville, the Idaho Metals Company at Mackay and the Talache Mines in Bonner County. In 1923 the output of gold from the dredges may be greater as well as that from the ore of the Talache Mines. Gold ore of good grade is being developed in several properties in Idaho County, but operations are hampered by a lack of means of transportation. (The Wallace Miner July 19, 1923)

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tage Grove, Oregon at the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum we drove up to nearby Brice Creek to pan at the Hobo picnic area. Even though the cold spring runoff water was very high and nearly to the edges of the narrow gorge....we found small flakes and colors nearly every pan. It was cool, drizzle raining and she quickly realized that her tennis shoes were not the right foot ware for the day but this did not "dampen" her golden quest and again she became visibly and verbally excited! Yes, finding her own tiny bits of yellow metal had finally brought out the gold fever in her!

Tom Bohmker is a small mines consultant, author of mining guide books such as Gold Panner's Guide to Idaho with over 50 years of professional experience in 10 western states Alaska and South America. Of late he is featured on the You Tube Channel "The Gold Vlog" when the episode highlights searching and prospecting techniques, basic gold geology, visiting various active and historic gold mines/ districts, how to research, field tests of equipment and various adventures search for mines/treasure hunting. Contact Tom Bohmker with questions for the column : cascademountainsgold@gmail.com or

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2022 Club Calendar

August 11th	Meeting
August 13th	Outing
September 8th	Meeting
September 10th	Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast
September 10th & 11th.	3rd Annual Civil War Reenactment
September 12th	Eagle City Park Closes for season
October 13th	Meeting
October 15th	Chili Feed @ Eagle City Park
November 10th	Meeting
December 8th	Meeting
December 11th	Annual Christmas Potluck (tentative)

All dates are subject to change & other events will be added when dates are known. Check back often.

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Links to "The Gold Vlog" on YouTube

The Oracle of Gold (introduces Tom Bohmker to series, opening day at "Prospector's Treasure Trove" in Beaverton, OR) <https://youtu.be/5Gme7odig8A>

The richest paydirt (filmed at Gold Lodge, Coyote Creek, Oregon) <https://youtu.be/8S2XILmp87Q>

Find your own gold- mining with Tom Bohmker (June 4 2022, Operating the commercial placer operation at <https://youtu.be/cRA00N-jmYE> the Golden Lodge, Coyote Creek, Oregon)

I often worry about the safety of my children.
Especially the one that is rolling his eyes and
talking back to me right now!

Reminders

Refreshments and goodies for the meetings are always a big hit. Please signup at the next couple of meetings for your turn to volunteer to bring items in. We would like at least three people to commit to some month during the year to cover the bases.

Looking for volunteers who would like to participate in the operation of the NWGPA to contact one of the current board members. We could sure use some fresh ideas and leadership help. There are couple of us who have been participating since the Club began 26 years ago. Please step up and volunteer! The Club needs you!

Please cut out & post the "Calendar of Events" just in case I am unable to publish the Nugget News in a timely manner. Sometimes, "Life Happens".

Speaking of volunteers, please check out the following link:
https://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/Building_Strong_Clubs_Dan_Ehrmann.pdf
and read about building and maintaining a strong club.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

What is gold?

Symbol: AU
Atomic Weight: 196.967
Atomic Number: 79
Melting Point: 1063° C (1945° F)
Boiling Point: 2966° C
Specific Gravity: 19.2
MOH's Scale of Hardness: 2.5 - 3

What is a karat/carat?

Pure gold is expressed as 24 karats/carats. When alloyed (mixed with other metals) the following table is used to determine the karat/carat.

24K donated by 100% Pure Gold
18K donated by 75% Pure Gold
14K donated by 58% Pure Gold
10K donated by 42% Pure Gold

How is gold weighed?

0.0648 grams = 1 grain
24 grains = 1 pennyweight (dwt.)
20 pennyweight (dwt.) = 1 troy oz.
12 troy oz. = 1 troy pound

Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages. Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

Tell us about your experiences, plans or ideas. Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), car-toons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, email, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

Please give it a try and wake up the writing genius in you.

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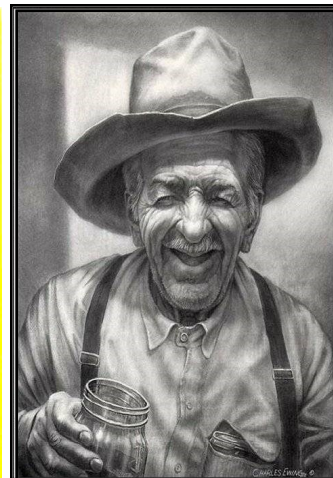
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generously. Care
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Recipe(s) of the Month

Fresh Fruit Cobbler

5-6 cups chopped fresh fruit (apples, cherries, plums, rhubarb, peaches or berries)

2 cups flour

1 cup sugar

4 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

1/2 cup butter or margarine

1 cup milk

Optional: add any spice you prefer to the fruit ie., cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.

Topping

2/3 cup sugar

1/4 cup cornstarch

1 1/2 cups boiling water

Arrange fruit in a greased 9x13 pan. In a bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt stirring to mix. Cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in milk and spoon over fruit. Combine sugar and cornstarch and sprinkle over the top. Pour water over all. Bake at 350 45 minutes or until fruit is tender.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

LAZY is such an ugly word!

I prefer the term

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ATTENTION: Eagle City Park will close for the season to all non-Park members at the end of the day on September 11th to allow us time to work on projects and to winterize the Park. We will open for one weekend on October 15th & 16th for the Annual Chili Potluck Outing.



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