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## Important Notice!

We're Having A May Meeting!  
Thursday May 13th @ 7pm  
2021 Dues are Due!

## First Outing of the Year!

May 15th will be our 1st outing of the year. Since the water is high, we traditionally take the new NWGPA members on a claim tour. We show you where the claims are and a little history about them.

Please plan to meet by 9am at Eagle City Park (see bottom of page 4 for driving directions from Coeur d'Alene) and we leave at 10am. Use the hour to arrange car pools to lessen the number of vehicles on the roads. You will be back in time for our 4pm potluck at Eagle City Park.

Be sure to bring your claims maps and a pencil to take notes.



## THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER GOLD PROSPECTOR

I returned to Moore's Flat, and soon sold out my store, taking up the business of purchasing gold dust direct from the miners, which I followed for about two years, and in the fall of 1859 sold out the business to Marks & Powers. I looked about through Napa and Sonoma Counties, and finally came to San Jose, where I purchased the farm I now own, near Hillsdale, of Bodley & McCabe, for which I paid \$4,000.

In the fall of the same year my old friend W. M. Stockton of Los Angeles Co. persuaded me to come down and pay him a visit. His wife had died and he felt very lonely. I had been there but a few days when my old friend A. Bennett and his chil-

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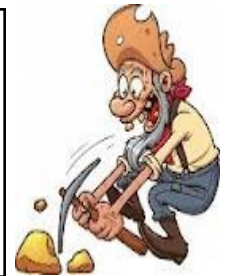
## Sorry About This Issue!

This issue of the Nugget News was put out in a hurry with the story expanded to save me time. Mary and I have been busy getting the Park ready for opening before the outing. The recent wind storms did a number on the trees in the Park. We have a logger removing the downed trees and a few future problem ones. There is lots of brush & limbs to clean up. If you are an Eagle City Park member and haven't been up there yet, you might want to come up and look at your space. You may need to spend a couple of days cleaning your area before you can move in. We are burning several piles of brush plus the big pile out front. There will be smaller logs and pieces that the mill won't take that will be available for campfire wood. You cut the rounds and we have a splitter you can use (help with the gas).

The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets  
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the  
Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID

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. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems.

Please join us.



# Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



## Learn About Local Geology

You need to know about all the different rocks and formations which are common to your mining area. You are unlikely to come directly across a vein or lump of exposed gold, but it is much easier to find the types of

rock associated with gold. If you can figure out which rock formations commonly appear alongside gold in your area, it is much easier to narrow down your search area. The three most common types of rock to find near gold are granite, schist, and gneiss. We will explain more on the specific clues which spell gold later; for now, let us dive deeper into geology.

If you have been gold prospecting in the past, you might have heard of contact zones. Also called dykes or intrusions, contact zones are where two major rock masses (each of a different type) have come together. This meeting will have happened millions of years ago, because of tectonic plate movement, but the conditions contact zones create are perfect for the formation of gold. As the two masses collide, they would rapidly heat to high temperatures and then re-cool, all under incredible pressure. This led to the formation of fissures, through which gold could be pushed from deep underground up to the surface.

This gold would have previously been unreachable to miners, without tunneling down deep underground. Instead, veins of precious metal are accessible from the surface, and prospectors can find them without digging. So, learning to spot contact zones, especially ones featuring granite, schist, gneiss, or another local gold-rich rock, is a fantastic way to find gold. By improving your knowledge of all geology surrounding gold, you will become a much better prospector.

You might have realized that this advice is more useful for finding primary gold, not the placer gold you are seeking. However, secondary gold is never found far from its origin, so by discovering likely primary gold deposits such as contact zones, you will know that you are closer to a potential placer mining spot. Research into rock formations is not the only reading you need to do before gold prospecting; continue to our next tip to find out how you can use out-of-date gold discoveries to your advantage.

## Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Mark Cook at 7:05PM and everyone asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's report was read by Secretary Mary Lowe and it was moved and seconded to approve as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Acting Treasurer Mark Cook and it was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Mark welcomed 36 members and 7 guests.

The evening's program was a video entitled "Where does gold deposit." Also included was a brief explanation on obtaining a water permit and some elementary guidelines.

You can walk in to the Dept. of Water Resources to get that permit. With regard to a discharge permit that permit can be obtained online through the DEQ.

Under Old Business membership renewals are due in April and if you have any address or email address changes, please advise Mary or Bob Lowe.

As mentioned last month, bring any ideas or suggestions for program material you would like to see addressed at one of the meetings.

We had 42 vendors with 57 booths spoken and paid for at our show.

Mark had a big thank you to all of our members who participated and worked at the show to make it a success for our club and the vendors as well.

In the homemade and custom equipment categories Clyde Hargens won

first place, Mike Ferry second place, and Jon Larsen third place.

We need people to fill positions of Claims Committee, President, and Secretary.

There is no news to report on FS Road 152 with regard to a Plan of Operation at this time, it remains a work in progress.

Under New Business Mark advised that the North Central Washington Prospectors Association is a club very similar to our club and also not associated with GPAA. They have their own claims as well and are based in Wenatchee Washington.

The Coeur d'Alene Rock and Gem Show is scheduled for June 5 and 6.

The PLP has raffle tickets for sale 12 for \$10. PLP stands for Public Lands for the People.

The program for April will be a video on Where Gold Settles.

As of today, March 11 the price of gold is \$1717.79.

The claims tour will be May 15 with Mark Cook and Bill Izzard in charge of the tour which will begin at 10:00, be there early in order to organize for the caravan.

The Legislative and Regulatory Update was given by Wayne McCarroll (*If you get your newsletter by email, the Legislative and Regulatory Update will be attached*).

A break was called for and after reconvening Mark asked for any other old or new business, having none, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mary Lowe, Secretary

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## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

dren also came to Stockton's. The children had grown so much I hardly knew them, but I was glad indeed to meet them. I found Mr. Bennett to be a poor man. He had been persuaded to go to Utah, being told that a fortune awaited his coming there, or could be accumulated in a short time. He gave away the little babe left by his wife to Mrs. Scott, of Scott's Valley, in Santa Cruz Co. and sold his farm near the mouth of the Salinas River. With what money he had accumulated he loaded two 4 mule teams with dry goods, put his four children into his wagon, and went to Cedar City, Utah.

He gave a thrilling account of passing through Mountain Meadows, where he saw, here and there little groups of skeletons of the unhappy victims of the great massacre at that place of men, women and children, by J. D. Lee, and his Mormon followers and told me the terrible story, which I here omit.

Smarting under the terrible taxation of one tenth of everything, Bennett grew poorer and at last resolved that he must go away, but his wife could not leave her own people, and so he set off with his children, somewhat afraid he might be shot down, but he reached Los Angeles Co. in safety. One daughter married a lawyer in San Bernardino, and died a few years afterwards. The other married a Capt. Johnson of Wilmington, and Bennett and two sons went to Idaho.

A few years ago in passing from San Jose to the Coast, my wife and I spent Sunday at Scott's Valley. Mrs. Scott invited us to visit them in the evening at the house when all would be at home. Mrs. Scott was the lady to whom Bennett gave his girl baby when he started away for Utah, and I felt very anxious to see her now she was grown up. Mrs. Scott introduced us, and I sat and looked at the little woman quite a long time, but could not see that she resembled either father or mother. My mind ran back over the terrible road we came and I pictured to myself the woman as she then appeared.

I studied over our early trials, crossing the plains over the deserts and our trying scenes out of Death Valley and turned all over in my mind for some time and finally all came to me like a flash and I could clearly see that the little lady was a true picture of her mother; I now began to ask questions about her folks, she said her father lived near Belmont, Nevada, and her grand-father died at the Monte, Los Angeles county Cal.. Our visit now became very interesting and we kept a late hour.

Since writing the connected story which has thus far appeared, I turn back to give some incidents of life in the mines, and some description of those pioneer gold days.

I have spoken of Moore's Flat, Orleans Flat and Woolsey's Flat, all similarly situated on different points of the mountain, on the north side of the ridge between the South and Middle Yuba River, and all at about the same altitude. A very deep canyon lies between

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each of them, but a good mountain road was built around the head of each canyon, connecting the towns. When the snow got to be three or four feet deep the roads must be broken out and communication opened, and the boys used to turn out *en masse* and each one would take his turn in leading the army of road breakers. When the leader got tired out some one would take his place, for it was terrible hard work to wade through snow up to one's hips, and the progress very slow. But the boys went at it as if they were going to a picnic, and a sort of picnic it was when they reached the next town, for whisky was free and grub plenty to such a party, and jollity and fun the uppermost thoughts. On one such occasion when the crowd came through Orleans Flat to Moore's Flat, Sid Hunt, the butcher, was in the lead as they came in sight of the latter place, and both he and his followers talked pretty loud and rough to the Moore's Flat fellows calling them "lazy pups" for not getting their road clear. Hunt's helper was a big stout, loud talking young man named Williams, and he shouted to the leader—"Sid Hunt, toot your horn if you don't sell a clam." This seemed to put both sides in good humor, and the Orleans fellows joined in a plenty to eat and drink rested and went home. Next day, both camps joined forces and broke the road over to Woolsey's Flat, and the third day crowded on toward Nevada City, and when out and across Bloody Run, a stream called thus because some dead men had been found at the head of the stream by the early settlers, and it was suspected the guilty murderers lived not far off, they turned down into Humbug, a town now called Bloomfield, and as they went down the snow was not so deep. They soon met Sam Henry, the express man, working through with letters and papers, and all turned home again.

A young doctor came to Moore's Flat and soon became quite popular, and after a little while purchased a small drug store at Orleans Flat. In this town there lived a man and his family and among them a little curly headed girl perhaps one or two years old. She was sick and died and buried while the ground was covered thick with snow. A little time after, it was discovered that the grave had been disturbed, and on examination no body was found in the grave.

Then it was a searching party was organized, and threats of vengeance made against the grave robber if he should be caught. No tracks were found leading out of town so they began to look about inside, and there began to be some talk about this Dr. Kittridge as the culprit. He was the very man, and he went to his drug store and told his clerk to get a saddle horse and take the dead child's body in a sack to his cabin at Moore's Flat, and conceal it in a back room. The clerk obeyed, and with the little corpse before him on the horse started from the back door and rode furiously to Moore's Flat, and concealed the body as he had been directed.

Some noticed that he had ridden unusually fast, and having a suspicion that all was not right, told their belief to the Orleans Flat people, who visited the Doctor at his store and accused him of the crime, and talked about hanging him on the spot without a trial. At this the Doctor began

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to be greatly frightened and begged piteously for them to spare his life, confessing to the deed, but pleading in extenuation that it was for the purpose of confirming a question in his profession, and wholly in the interest of science that he did it, and really to spare the feelings of the parents that he did it secretly. He argued that no real harm had been done, and some of his friends sided with him in this view. But the controversy grew warmer, and the house filled up with people. Some were bloodthirsty and needed no urging to proceed to buy a rope and use it. Others argued, and finally the Doctor said that the body had not been dissected, and if they would allow him, and appoint a committee to go with him, he would produce the body, and they could decently bury it again and there it might remain forever. This he promised to do, and all agreed to it, and he kept his word, thus ending the matter satisfactorily and the Doctor was released. But the feeling never died out. The Doctor's friends deserted him, and no one seemed to like to converse with him. At the saloon he would sit like a perfect stranger, no one noticing him, and he soon left for new fields.

The first tunnel run at Moore's Flat was called the Paradise, and had to be started low on the side of the mountain in order to drain the ground, and had to be blasted through the bed rock for about 200 feet.

Four of us secured ground enough by purchase so we could afford to undertake this expensive job and we worked on it day and night. Jerry Clark and Len Redfield worked the day shifts, and Sam King and Wm. Quirk the night shift. When the tunnel was completed about 100 feet, the night shift had driven forward the top of the tunnel as a heading, leaving the bottom, which was about a foot thick, or more, to be taken out by the day shift. They drilled a hole about two feet horizontally to blast out this bench. King would sit and hold the drill between his feet, while Quirk would strike with a heavy sledge. When the hole was loaded they tramped down the charge very hard so as to be sure it would not blow out, but lift the whole bench. One day when they were loading a hole, King told Quirk to come down pretty heavy on the tamping, so as to make all sure, and after a few blows given as directed, there was an explosion, and Quirk was forced some distance out of the tunnel, his eyes nearly put out with dirt blown into them, and his face and body cut with flying pieces of rock. He was at first completely stunned, but after awhile recovered so as to crawl out, and was slowly making his way up the hill on hands and knees when he was discovered and helped to his cabin where his wounds were washed and dressed.

Then a party with lighted candles entered the tunnel to learn the fate of

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King, and they found him lying on the mass of rock the blast had lifted, dead. On a piece of board they bore the body to his cabin. There was hardly a whole bone remaining. A cut diagonally across his face, made by a sharp stone, had nearly cut his head in two. He had been thrown so violently against the roof of the tunnel, about 6 feet high, that he was completely mashed.

He had a wife in Mass. and as I had often heard him talk of her, and of sending her money, I bought a \$100 check and sent it in the same letter which bore the melancholy news. King had a claim at Chip's Flat which he believed would be very rich in time, so I kept his interest up in it till it amounted to \$500 and then abandoned the claim and pocketed the loss.

We made a pine box, and putting his body in it, laid it away with respect. I had often heard him say that if he suffered an accident, he wished to be killed outright and not be left a cripple, and his wish came true.

After this accident the blacksmith working for the Paradise Co., was making some repairs about the surface of the air shaft, and among his tools was a bar of steel an inch square, and 8 or 10 feet long, which was thrown across the shaft, and while working at the whim wheel he slipped and struck this bar which fell to the bottom of the shaft, 100 feet deep and the blacksmith followed. When the other workmen went down to his assistance they found that the bar of steel had stuck upright in the bottom of the shaft, and when the man came down it pierced his body from hip to neck, killing him instantly. He was a young man, and I have forgotten his name.

Those who came to California these later years will not many of them

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**Gold is \$1,789.30 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,703.20an ounce!**

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*I don't know how to act my age,  
I've never been this age before!*

### Notice

Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests and is open to all NWGPA members the weekend after the second Thursday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$20 per family for the whole weekend (Friday thru Sunday). Potluck picnic is at 4pm on Saturday that weekend.

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**

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see the old apparatus and appliances which were used in saving the gold in those primitive days. Among them was the old "Rocker." This had a bottom about 5 feet long and 16 inches wide, with the sides about 8 inches high for half the length, and then sloped off to two inches at the end. There was a bar about an inch high across the end to serve as a riffle, and on the higher end of this box is a stationary box 14 inches square, with sides 4 inches high and having a sheet iron bottom perforated with half inch holes. On the bottom of the box are fastened two rockers like those on the baby cradle, and the whole had a piece of board or other solid foundation to stand on, the whole being set at an angle to allow the gravel to work off at the lower end with the water. A cleat was fastened across the bottom to catch the gold, and this was frequently examined to see how the work was paying, and taking out such coarse pieces as could be readily seen. To work the rocker a pan of dirt would be placed in the square screen box, and then with one hand the miner would rock the cradle while he poured water with the other from a dipper to wash the earth. After he had poured on enough water and shaken the box sufficiently to pass all the small stuff through he would stir over what remained in the screen box, examining carefully for a nugget too large to pass through the half inch holes. If the miner found that the dirt did not pay he took his rocker on his back and went on in search of a better claim.

Another way to work the dirt was to get a small head of water running in a ditch, and then run the water and gravel through a series of boxes a foot square and twelve feet long, using from one to ten boxes as circumstances seemed to indicate. At the lower end of these boxes was placed the "Long Tom" which was about two feet wide at the lower end, and having sides six inches high at the same point. The side pieces extend out about 3 feet longer than the wooden bottom, and are turned up to a point, some like a sled runner, and this turned up part has a bottom of sheet iron punched full of holes, the size of the sheet iron being about 3 feet by 16 inches.

The miners shovel dirt into the upper end of the boxes slowly, and regulate the water so that it dissolves the lumps and chunks very thoroughly before it reaches the long tom where a man stands and stirs the gravel over, and if nothing yellow is seen throws the washed gravel away, and lets the rest go through the screen. Immediately below this screen was placed what was called a "riffle box," 2 by 4 feet in size with bars 4 inches high across the bottom and sides, and this box is set at the proper angle. Now when the water comes through the screen it falls perpendicularly in this box with force enough to keep the contents continually in motion, and as the gold is much heavier than any other mineral likely to be found in the dirt, it settles to the bottom, and all the lighter stuff is carried away by the water. The gold would be found behind the bars in the riffle box.

These methods of working were very crude, and we gradually became aware that the finest dust was not saved, and many improvements were brought into use. In my own mine the tailings that we let go down the mountain side would lodge in large piles in different places, and after lying a year, more gold could be washed out of it than was first obtained, and some of it coarser, so that it was plainly seen that a better way of working would be more profitable. There was plenty of ground called poor ground that had much gold in it but could not be profitably worked with the rocker and long tom. The bed rock was nearly level and as the land had a gradual rise, the banks kept getting

higher and higher as they dug farther in. Now it was really good round only down close to the bedrock, but all the dirt had some gold in it, and if a way could be invented to work it fast enough, such ground would pay. So the plan of hydraulic mining was experimented upon.

The water was brought in a ditch or flume to the top of a high bank, and then terminated in a tight box. To this box was attached a large hose made by hand out of canvas, and a pipe and nozzle attached to the lower end of the hose. Now as the bank was often 100 feet or more high the water at this head, when directed through the nozzle against the bank, fairly melted it away into liquid mud. Imagine us located a mile above the river on the side of a mountain. We dug at first sluices in the rock to carry off the mud and water, and after it had flowed in these a little way a sluice box was put in to pass it through. These were made on a slope of one in twelve, and the bottom paved with blocks, 3 inches thick, so laid as to make a cavity or pocket at the corner of the blocks. After passing the first sluice box the water and gravel would be run in a bed rock sluice again, and then into another sluice box and so on for a mile, passing through several sluice boxes on the way. Quicksilver was placed in the upper sluice boxes, and when the particles of gold were polished up by tumbling about in the gravel, they combined with the quicksilver making an amalgam.

The most gold would be left in the first sluice boxes but some would go on down to the very last, where the water and dirt was run off into the river. They cleaned up the first sluices every week, a little farther down every month, while the lower ones would only be cleaned up at the end of the season.

In cleaning up, the blocks would be taken out of the boxes, and every little crevice or pocket in the whole length of the sluice cleaned out, from the bottom to the top, using little hooks and iron spoons made for the purpose.

The amalgam thus collected was heated in a retort which expelled the quicksilver in vapor, which was condensed and used again.

When they first tried hydraulic work a tinsmith made a nozzle out of sheet iron, but when put in practice, instead of throwing a solid stream, it scattered like an shotgun, and up at Moore's Flat they called the claims where they used it the "shotgun" claims.

From that time great improvements were made in hydraulic apparatus until the work done by them was really wonderful.

In 1850 there lived at Orleans Flat and Moore's Flat, in Nevada County a few young, energetic and very stirring pioneers in the persons of lads from 10 to 15 years of age, always on the search for a few dimes to spend, or add to an already hoarded store, and the mountain air, with the wild surroundings, seemed to inspire them always with lively vigor, and especially when there was a prospect of a two-bit piece not far ahead.

In winter when the deep snow cut off all communication with the valley, our busy tinner ran short of solder, and seeing a limited supply in the tin cans that lay thick about, he engaged the boys to gather in a supply and showed them how they could be melted down to secure the solder with which they had been fastened, and thus provide for his immediate wants. So the boys ransacked every spot where they had been thrown, under the saloon and houses, and in old dump holes everywhere, till they had gathered a pretty large pile which they fired as he had told them, and then panned out the ashes to secure the drops of metal which had melted down and cooled in small drops and bits below. This was re-melted and cast into a mold made in a pine block, and the solder made into regular form. About one-third was made up thus in good and honest shape.

But the boys soon developed a shrewdness that if more fully expanded might make them millionaires, but in the present small way they hoped to put to account in getting a few extra dimes. They put a big chunk of

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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!*

## Treasurers Report April 2021

### Income

Balance Forward from March 26, 2021	\$18,732.52
Membership	\$ 720.00
Interest	\$ 0.13
Club Trailer Sale	\$ 700.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle & 50/50	\$ 122.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,542.13</b>

### Disbursements

Nickel's Worth: Gold Show Advertising	\$ 556.20
Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	\$ 17.95
CDA Press: Gold Show Advertising	\$ 312.00
Clyde Hargens: First Place Equipment Contest	\$ 75.00
Mike Ferry: Second Place Equipment Contest	\$ 50.00
Jon Larson: Third Place Equipment Contest	\$ 25.00
Rathdrum Senior Center:	\$ 80.00
Northwest Offset Printing:	\$ 173.32
Idaho County Recorder:	\$ 10.00
Mary Lowe: Club Postage/Administrative	\$ 54.75
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$ 1,354.22</b>

### Summary

<b>Starting Balance:</b>	<b>\$18,732.52</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 1,542.13</b>
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$ 1,354.22</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$18,920.43</b>

### Important!

If you have any digital photos of any prospecting / mining activities, outings, meetings, wildlife, etc., that you would be willing to share, please email or send copies of them to me to be included in a digital photo slideshow.

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iron in the mold and poured in the melted solder which enclosed it completely, so that when they presented the bright silvery bar to the old tinker he paid the price agreed upon and they divided the money between them, and then, in a secure place, they laughed till their sides ached at the good joke on the tinman.

In due time the man found out the iron core in his bar of solder, and thought the joke such a good one that he told of it in the saloon, and had to spend at least \$5 in drinks to ease off the laugh they had on him as the victim of the young California pioneers. And these young fellows—some have paddled their own canoe successfully into quiet waters and are now in the fullness of life, happy in their possessions, while some have been swamped on the great rushing stream of business, and dwell in memory on the happy times gone by.

The older pioneers in these mining towns were, in many respects a peculiar class of men. Most of them were sober and industrious, fearless and venturesome, jolly and happy when good luck came to them, and in misfortune stood up with brave, strong, manly hearts, without a tear or murmur. They let the world roll merrily by, were ever ready with joke, mirth and fun to make their surroundings cheerful.

Fortunes came and went; they made money easily, and spent it just as freely, and in their generosity and kindly charity the old expression—"He has a heart like an ox" fitted well the character of most of them.

When luck turned against them they worked the harder, for the next turn might fill their big pockets with a fortune, and then the dream of capturing a wife and building up a home could be realized, and they would move out into the world on a wave of happiness and plenty. This kind of talk was freely carried on around the camp fire in the long evenings, and who knows how many of these royal good fellows realized those bright hopes and glorious anticipations? Who knows?

The names come back in memory of some of them, and others have been forgotten. I recall Washington Work, H. J. Kingman, A. J. Henderson, L. J. Hanchett, Jack Hays, Seth Bishop, Burr Blakeslee, Jim Tyler, who was the loudest laughter in the town, and as he lived at the Clifton House he was called "The Clifton House Calf." These and many others might be mentioned as typical good fellows of the mining days. The biggest kind of practical joke would be settled amicably at the saloon after the usual style.

One day Jack Hays bought a pair of new boots, set them down in the store and went to turn off the miners supply of water. When he returned he found his boots well filled with refuse crackers and water. This he discovered when he took them up to go to dinner, and as he poured out the contents at the door, a half dozen boys across the street raised a big laugh at him, and hooted at his discomfort. Jack scowled an awful scowl, and if he called them "pukes" with a few swear words added, it was a mild way of pouring out his anger. But after dinner the boys surrounded him and fairly laughed him into a good humor, so that he set up drinks for

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the crowd.

Foot races were a great Sunday sport, and dog fights were not uncommon. One dog in our camp was champion of the ridge, and though other camps brought in their pet canines to eat him up, he was always the top dog at the end of the scrimmage, and he had a winning grip on the fore foot of his antagonist.

A big "husky" who answered to the name of Cherokee Bob came our way and stopped awhile. He announced himself a foot racer, and a contest was soon arranged with Soda Bill of Nevada City, and each went into a course of training at his own camp. Bob found some way to get the best time that Bill could make, and comparing it with his own, said he could beat in that race. So when it came off our boys gathered up their money, and loaded down the stage, inside and out, departing with swinging hats and flying colors, and screaming in wild delight at the sure prospect of doubling their dust. In a few days they all came back after the style of half drowned roosters.

Bob had 'thrown' the race and skipped with his money before they could catch him. Had he been found he would have been ungently hoisted to the first projecting limb, but he was never seen again. The boys were sad and silent for a day or two, but a look of cheerful resignation soon came upon their faces as they handled pick and shovel, and the world rolled on as before.

One fall we had a county election, and among the candidates for office was our townsman, H. M. Moore, from whom Moore's Flat secured its name. He was the Democratic nominee for County Judge, and on the other side was David Belden, he whom Santa Clara County felt proud to honor as its Superior Judge, and when death claimed him, never was man more sincerely mourned by every citizen.

The votes were counted, and Belden was one ahead. Moore claimed another count, and this time a mistake was discovered in the former count, but unfortunately it gave Belden a larger majority than before, and his adversary was forced to abandon the political fight.

In the fifties I traveled from the North Yuba River to San Bernardino on different roads, and made many acquaintances and friends. I can truly say that I found many of these early comers who were the most noble men and women of the earth. They were brave else they had

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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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never taken the journey through unknown deserts, and through lands where wild Indians had their homes. They were just and true to friends, and to real enemies, terribly bitter and uncompromising. Money was borrowed and loaned without a note or written obligation, and there was no mention made of statute laws as a rule of action. When a real murderer or horse thief was caught no lawyers were needed nor employed, but if the community was satisfied as to the guilt and identity of the prisoner, the punishment was speedily meted out, and the nearest tree was soon ornamented (?) with his swinging carcass.

Many of these worthy men broke the trail on the rough way that led to the Pacific Coast, drove away all dangers, and made it safer for those who dared not at first risk life and fortune in the journey, but, encouraged by the success of the earliest pioneers, ventured later on the eventful trip to the new gold fields. I cannot praise these noble men too much; they deserve all I can say, and much more, too; and if a word I can say shall teach our new citizens to regard with reverent respect the early pioneers who laid the foundations of the glory, prosperity and beauty of the California of to-day, I shall have done all I hope to, and the historian of another half century may do them justice, and give to them their full meed of praise.

To be continued.....

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## 2021 Club Calendar

*All future meetings are on hold at the moment. Look to this calendar for any changes in meeting dates, times and other activities. Stay safe and try to enjoy yourselves.*

<i>April 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>May 13th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>May 15th</i>	<i>First Outing &amp; Claims Tour</i>
<i>June 10th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>June 12th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>July 8th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>August 12th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>August 14th</i>	<i>Outing</i>
<i>September 9th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>September 11th</i>	<i>Outing, Pig Roast &amp; Civil War Reenactment</i>
<i>October 14th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Last Outing &amp; Chili Feed</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 9th</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>December 12th</i>	<i>Christmas Potluck (Tentative)</i>

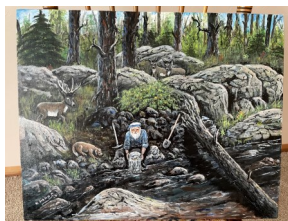
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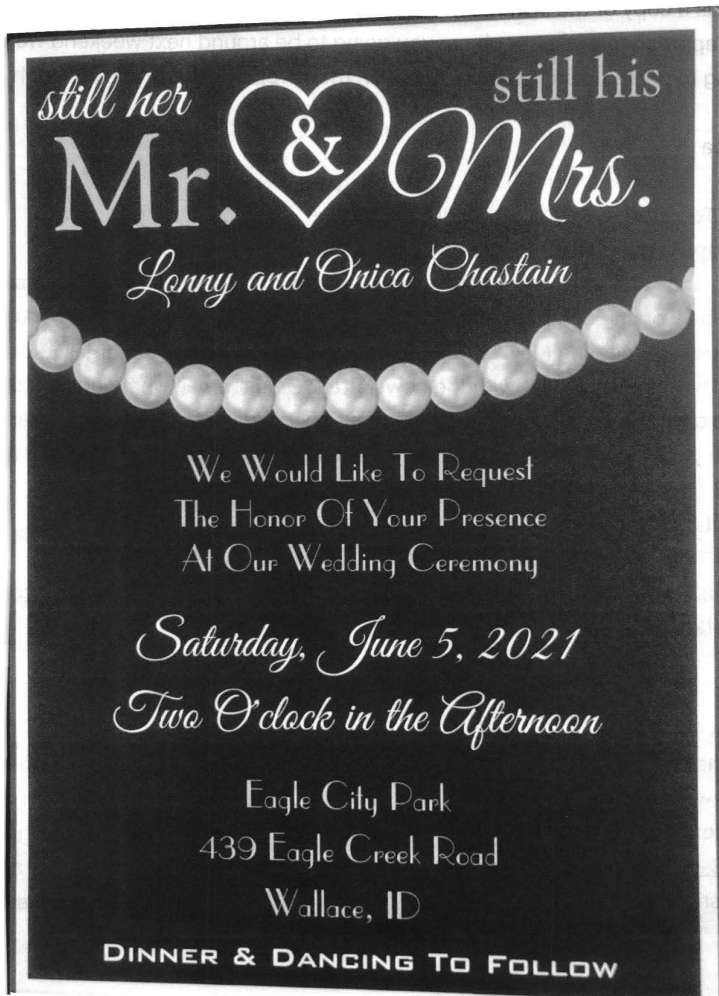


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### What is gold?

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  
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 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.

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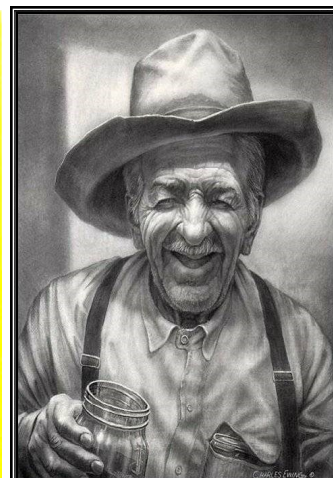
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# Recipe(s) of the Month

## Emergency Chicken

### Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter  
 2/3 cup barbeque sauce  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 2/3 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken pieces - cut into 1/2-inch strips

### Instructions

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir barbeque sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and garlic powder together with the melted butter. Stir chicken into the sauce mixture to coat.

Place cover on saucepan and simmer until the chicken pieces are cooked through and no longer pink in the middle, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove cover and spoon sauce over chicken pieces; continue cooking until sauce thickens, about 4 minutes more.

Note: This is a great recipe for a quick and easy entree. I just threw some things together and came up with this recipe. I am sure it could be improved upon, but in a pinch, it was easy and delicious.

# The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

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