

Nugget News

September

2022

PROMOTING SMALL SCALE MINING , CASUAL GOLD PROSPECTING , RECREATIONAL GOLD PANNING & METAL DETECTING

Official Newsletter of the
NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association



Join / Renew Today

Don't miss out on
upcoming meetings,
outings and newsletters.

\$20 for Single
\$25 for Couple
\$30 for Family

Potluck Every Saturday @ 5PM (Except the Saturday after the 2nd Thursday, See page 8 for details)

Battle of Eagle Creek Civil War Reenactment



September 10th & 11th

Battles
Saturday 11 A.M. & 2 P.M.
Sunday 11 A.M.
Living History Camp
Saturday 9am - 3:30 pm
Sunday 9am - Noon



Pie Eating Contest grouped by age, Marshmallow Whistle Contest & Coin Hunt for kids 10 & under.
Games held between the two battles on Saturday.
Spend the day in fun and its free.

Located at Eagle City Park - Between Pritchard and Murray.
From Thompson Falls: Take Montana Secondary Hwy 471, 37 miles to Eagle City.
From 1490 Kingston (Exit 43) Left, then 25 miles via the Center of Alene River Road.
Bring your Water, Lunch, Lawn Chairs and visit us in the Summer of 1863.

Remember

Eagle City Park's 3rd Annual
Civil War Reenactment

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

We worked a few days after the time of the incident narrated, when one day he said to me that he would suspend work and go to Marysville for a few days and he desired us to go with him. We had boarded with an Englishman whom Mr. Elder had employed for that purpose, but he had lived at the ranch or house of a Frenchman by the name of John Roulo, located more than a mile down the river. Mr. Roulo had an Indian wife.

The Englishman was not a bad cook, but the principal diet for breakfast, dinner and supper the week through was stewed beef. This beef was of good quality and was very well cooked, but it did not agree with me for a constant diet, with scarcely any other kind of food. About this time we went to Marysville, and Mr. Elder took a trip to Sacramento City to consult with some of the officers of the company for whom we were at work, or they came to Marysville, I am not certain which.

Mr. Elder desired me to remain and return with him. I made the proposition that I would do so upon the condition that I should board at the Frenchman's, where he did. I

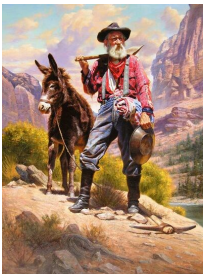
(Continued on page 3) Kimball Webster

FOR SALE

Proline Dredge/
Highbanker
Combo
Includes lots of
goodies! *Sorry
but no pump.*

For details call:

Brian Stauffer
@
509-701-8695



The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Community 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.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



Yesterday's News

Mrs. Ada L Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough and consumption

seemed to have a grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it and three bottles effected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at Steward's Drug Store. \$.50 and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. (*The Wallace Miner—October 8, 1908*)

Idaho Northern Railway Contract For Its Construction To Be Let July 15—Boom For Murray

A contract will be let July 15 for the construction on standard gauge of the main line of the Idaho Northern Railroad from Enaville, on the OR&N company's line just this side of Kingston to Paragon Gulch, six miles above Murray a distance of 33 miles. It is hoped to have the road in operation by January first next. Traffic arrangements will be made with other roads so that freight can be billed through and a daily passenger train operated between Wallace and Murray.

The estimated cost of the main line is \$875,000 and this amount has been raised by the sale of bonds negotiated in New York by B.F. O'Neil, president of the State Bank of Commerce and E.P. Spalding, general manager of the Monarch Mine near Murray. Mr. O'Neil is president of the Idaho Northern and Mr. Spalding is vice-president and general manager. The other officers of the company are: E.L. Proebsting, secretary/treasurer; Walter A Jones, general counsel and W.P. Smith, chief engineer.

(Continued on page 7) Yesterday's News

2022 Nome Alaska Gold Trip

Our trip to the AKAU Gold & Resort was a BLAST! This time, we took our



spouses so they could see the wonders of Alaska. Although it was cold, wet & rainy, we all found a little gold. The large nuggets must have hibernated early this year because of the weather as they were hard to find. The town of Nome is a must see, the staff at AKAU is superb and the food was plentiful and delicious. Watch this newsletter for information on when our next trip to Nome will be.

I recommend putting this place on your bucket list. See below for information for the Alaska Gold & Resort, LLC



Alaska Gold & Resort, LLC

www.akaugold.com

Winter Address:

PO Box 1373
San Marcos, CA 92079

Summer Address:

PO Box 1567
Nome, AK 99762

760-500-1329 or 760-855-2855

info@akaugold.com

<https://youtu.be/qQnJPEIV224>

Sixteen to One Mine, which mines rich gold veins that run through pure white quartz.

Remember, if you happen to find a specimen of quartz with visible gold veins running through it, it is usually a good idea to keep it as-is rather than crushing it. Collectors will usually pay a nice premium for these pieces.

For most prospectors, a good quality VLF metal detector is the best tool to use if you want to find a gold in quartz specimen. You want a good quality detector that is designed for finding small gold, since gold veins are usually very thin it takes a specialized detector to find them. These detectors will give you an advantage that the early miners definitely didn't have. Scanning old mine tailing piles can produce some amazing results.

Look for "Dirty" Quartz

It is pretty common knowledge that gold is sometimes associated with quartz. The often run together, and it is not uncommon to see nice quality gold/quartz specimens that prospectors have found. They are most often found by prospectors using metal detectors.

While quartz and gold definitely have a common association, sometimes people give it more attention than it actually deserves to get. Quartz is one of the most abundant minerals on Earth. There are thousands of places where quartz is found that no gold has ever been found. So just because you find quartz it doesn't mean that you will find gold there.

If I am in gold country, I will still pay some attention to quartz because I already know that gold occurs in the area.

I have found that very clean, white colored quartz is generally less productive than dirty, iron-stained quartz. I find a lot more gold in the dirty looking quartz than I do in clean, white quartz.

Of course, this isn't a rule set in stone, and there are certainly exceptions. One of the most famous gold mines in California is the Original

Nugget News

Published Monthly by:
NorthWest Gold
Prospectors Association

Editor: Bob Lowe

Address:
NorthWest Gold
Prospectors Association
PO Box 2307
Post Falls, Idaho 83877-2307

Email:
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Phone:
208-699-8128

Web Page:
www.nwgoldprospectors.org

Advertising
Ads are free to our members.
Display ads are free to vendors at our gold shows.
Call or write for details and rates for other advertising.

**All ads & stories are due by the 25th
of the month preceding
publication month.**

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

confessed I could not stand the Englishman's stewed beef any longer. He said I could just as well board at that place and might have done so if I had spoken about it to him. We returned and I worked until the job was finished. Mr. Pinney did not return with us.

There was in our party a Scotchman by the name of Campbell, one of the Sidney convicts. He was quite agreeable when he was sober, but sometimes he would get partially intoxicated, and then he was a bad man to get along with. He appeared to be a man of good education and understood surveying. Mr. Elder was obliged to be absent a part of the time, and in his absence he made Mr. Campbell his foreman.

Sometimes when he had indulged too freely of whiskey, he would neither work himself nor permit any one else. This did not suit me, as I intended to labor just as faithfully in the absence of Mr. Elder as I would if he were present.

One day when Mr. Campbell became quite drunk and foolish, and had allowed but very little work to be done by the party until afternoon, my patience had become exhausted. I undertook to drink from the water pail that was standing nearby under a large tree, when he gave the pail a sharp tilt, which spilled some of the contents upon me. I started the second time to drink from the pail and he repeated the same foolish trick. After he had done this for several times, I dashed all the remaining water in the pail squarely into his face. He at once became almost frantic with rage, and seizing an axe threatened to cut me in pieces. I kept myself a short distance beyond his reach, and laughed at his threats.

I knew it was an easy matter for me to keep beyond his reach, but I didn't know how long his anger would continue to rage, or whether he would revenge himself at some convenient time in the future when I might not be expecting it. After a short time he ordered me to go to the river near by and refill the pail with water, but he still held the axe in one hand and the pail in the other. I invited him to put aside the axe and give me the pail, which he finally did, and I immediately complied with his request.

After Mr. Elder returned I spoke to him in relation to Mr. Campbell's actions, and he discharged him. The next winter I heard that he was lynched at some place in one of the mountain valleys for horse stealing.

One incident I always remembered which took place while we were employed on this job. When we were boarding at the French ranch, we carried a lunch for our dinners, which we would eat while seated under a large oak tree. One day we sat down in the shade of a large branching tree and ate our dinner and rested ourselves perhaps nearly an hour. Upon starting for our work we had gone but a short distance from the tree, where but a moment previous we had been quietly seated, when we heard a loud crash, and upon turning around we saw that a very

Stop at the Sprag Pole Sports Bar & Museum for Great Food & Good Times in Murray, Idaho.

G & G River Stop at the "Y" in Prichard, ID. Your one-stop-shop for all your camping needs. Cold Beer/Pop, Food, Fishing Tackle/Bait, Gas, Phone and still the **Best Ice Cream Cones** around.

Visit the **Bedroom Gold Mine Bar** in Murray. Enjoy beer, wine and cocktails while playing darts or pool. See how it looked in the old days. They now have a kitchen with Pizza and deli sandwiches as well as dinner specials on the weekends, we also serve breakfast on weekends during the summer months and hunting season. Many great pictures to look at.

Prospector Pins (\$5.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

Wanted: Mining videos, books and pamphlets, old owners manuals for detectors, dredges, pumps, etc. for the NWGPA library. Call Bob Lowe @ (208)699-8128.

The Gold Sniper by Gold Fever Bob. Get this effective crevice tube for that hard to reach gold in the cracks of bedrock. Four models to chose from. From \$30 to \$95 Call 208-699-8128.

The Snake Pit (Enaville Resort), in Kingston serves the best "Smoked Prime Rib" in the Northwest. They have a full menu with fast, courteous service.

Rugged Country Outpost, A must-stop, go to food trailer serving the best breakfasts and lunches on the Coeur d'Alene River. Located on Beaver Creek Rd a hundred yards or so from Babin's Junction. Open summers from early morning to mid-afternoon (6am to 3:00pm). Closed Tuesdays (See ad on page 9)!

Prichard Tavern – Still home to its Famous Broasted Chicken also serving Alligator Bites, Frog Legs, Hand Formed Hamburgers and Ice Cold Beer! A great place to meet old friends and make new ones! **Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"**

large limb had broken from the tree and had fallen exactly upon the spot where we had been seated but a moment previous.

This branch at the point of breakage was more than a foot in diameter, and probably contained nearly a cord of wood. There was not a breath of wind stirring and the branch had broken from its own weight, being just fully leaved out. It seemed to me to be a very narrow escape from a serious accident. I afterwards learned from my own observation that it was very often that limbs broke from such trees when loaded with leaves and there was no wind stirring.

Mr. Elder seemed to manifest a deep interest in my welfare, and while he was drafting the plan of the survey we had made, desired me to learn to use the protractor, scale and dividers.

At that time I had no intention of taking up the business of surveying, although from what little experience I had had with it, I thought I would like the work very much. I practiced with the instruments as I had the time to spare from my other work, and learned something about protracting and the use of the scale and dividers.

Later in the same season I assisted Mr. Elder in laying out another "paper city," but it was not of so large extent as was the former one. Not only was the winter of 1849-50 an excessive one in cold and storms, but the year 1850 was the most trying in the history of the gold-seekers. The struggles for the possession of titles to the claims staked out by the prospecting miners reached a critical stage; the cholera raged in every section of the Pacific slope—aye, spread from ocean to ocean—and in addition to these and the trials and uncertainties of life in the mines, where hundreds were losing to one making, the Indians started upon the warpath.

Early in the summer, while I was at work at Bidwell's on Feather River, I witnessed the interesting and somewhat startling spectacle of a band of her men decked out in all of the horrible panoply of savage warfare. All were elaborately painted in striking colors and armed in Indian fashion, bows and quivers, decorated in bright figures and filled with sharp pointed arrows tipped with glass heads, knives and other implements of a warlike nature.

These dusky forces were composed of the "Valley Indians," as the native inhabitants of the lowlands were called, among whom was a branch known as the "Digger Indians," and the mountain tribes that had their homes in the Sierra Nevada's and adjacent highlands. The last named tribes were at enmity with the first—a predatory warfare that existed for a long period—a war as it seemed to the bitter end.

An Indian village was situated twenty or twenty-five miles from Bidwell's easterly in the Sierras, which I had frequently passed through when I was prospecting in the Feather River gold mines.

(Continued on page 4) Kimball Webster

(Continued from page 3) Kimball Webster

One day about noon there suddenly appeared in this little mining settlement a file of naked Indian warriors, forty or fifty in number, nearly all young men in the vigor of manhood, all apparently sound, well developed, beautifully proportioned, athletic men, the leader the most conspicuous figure. They came into view traveling at a slow dog trot, single file, each at a uniform distance from his file leader. No word was uttered, and no one of them perceptibly turned his head to the right or to the left.

As the foremost reached the river, which at that place was deep and of considerable breadth, he stepped boldly and deliberately into the current without the slightest hesitation, and swam quickly to the opposite shore, where he again resumed the Indian trot of a few minutes before. Even the river did not break the line or check the speed materially, but the line was maintained and the speed was continued on and up the steep mountain incline as on the level, without break or hesitation, far, far up the rugged mountain trail as we could see, their military order and discipline unbroken.

They were from a valley tribe and had suddenly come into view, passed through the village, swam the river, climbed the mountain side, and passed beyond our view in silence, bent on their errand of bloody carnage and death. Determination, vengeance and savage destruction was pictured on every brow.

Something of vital moment to the aboriginal population not far distant was about to transpire. And it was not long delayed. It was learned a little later that the Indian village in the mountains before mentioned, was suddenly and sadly surprised on the night of the day that the war party passed through Bidwell's, and for the small Indian settlement it proved a great slaughter or massacre of the men, while a large number of the women and children were taken prisoners and conducted to new homes.

Some time in the spring, James M. Butler being somewhat out of health, went to the Pelham camp to do the cooking for the company, where he remained until late in the fall, when he returned to his home in Pelham.

I did some mining at Bidwell's and one or two other places while we were waiting for the water to subside. We visited our claim on the middle fork of Feather River several times, and made preparations to work it as soon as the state of the water would admit of doing it. We were obliged to convey all the provisions needed there on our backs over the mountains from Bidwell's Bar, a distance of 25 or 30 miles.

Club T-Shirts Are Available

S, M, L & XL 2XL & 3XL are \$20 each

**New caps & visors are available
See and purchase at the meetings & Gold Show
Makes Perfect Gifts**

It was some time in July when the water became sufficiently low so as to admit of working the claim to advantage. At that time the companies that had taken claims in the most favorable locations had succeeded in getting a part of the water turned aside from the channel, so that they had begun to work some of the beds of the streams. A few of those who had succeeded in working any part of the river bed had found the claims rich, but a very large majority of such mines were only paying very moderately, and many were almost entirely worthless. Some companies that had been at work all winter making preparations to turn a stream from its bed, when at last they had succeeded at the cost of so much labor and expense, found the bed of the stream so poor that it would not pay the expense of working. This state of affairs was not encouraging for us. As yet we had expended but little labor on our claim, but in loss of time in making arrangements, going back and forth conveying provisions and tools, with the loss of time in waiting for the water to subside, all together made it a matter of considerable magnitude, reaching probably two or three thousand dollars. However, it was not our purpose to abandon our claim without a fair trial.

Instead of arranging to turn the whole stream at once, as we had originally intended, we concluded to construct a wing dam, so as to be able to test the paying qualities of the bed. If it should prove of such richness as to warrant it, we could then build the dam as we had planned and turn the whole stream. If it should prove of poor paying quality we would abandon it.

Consequently, we constructed a wing dam so as to be able to turn the water from a small part of the river bed so as to permit of working so far as to be able to test the quality.

(Continued on page 5) Kimball Webster

Gold is \$1,710.70 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,815.18 an ounce!

***To get your copy of the Nugget News early via
email, please send an email to
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com
with "Newsletter" in the subject box.***

***I never knew what real happiness
was until I got married; by then
it was too late!***

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**

(Continued from page 4) Kimball Webster

After completing this work, and washing the material from the river bed, we found but very little gold, not sufficient to pay for working.

I would probably have had nearly or quite a thousand dollars more than I did have at that time if I had kept at work and taken no part whatever in or about any river claim.

The Pelham company worked their claim and it paid for working after the stream was turned, but the returns as a whole were small, and the company was dissolved in the fall.

CHAPTER VIII

Many of the miners lost a whole season's labor, and had no more than they had the fall previous. In the early part of the season there was quite an excitement at Marysville, and at the mines on Feather River, known as the "Gold Lake" excitement.

This was caused by a man who told in some respects a very plausible story or yarn. He said he had been a long distance east into the Sierra Nevada mountains, where he had made the discovery of a lake where gold was so plentiful that it could be gathered in almost unlimited quantities.

He also said he was there at the lake for only a few days and that he had gathered more than he could carry, and had secreted it.

Many believed his story to be all true, and the result was that quite a large company was gathered and went away back into the mountains and camped. Gold Lake was searched for but could not be found. It was said that after getting back into the mountains the Gold Lake leader appeared to be insane.

The result of the expedition was the discovery of Nelson's Creek mines on a stream emptying into the middle fork of Feather River, some 90 miles or more in the mountains.

Hearing of this discovery, which was said to be very rich, I concluded to go and take my chances. This was before we had built our dam on the old claim. Alden J. Nutting went with me, as I remember. We traveled up there on foot, and in those days in California every one carried his blankets, if nothing more. When we arrived at Nelson's creek, we found a large number of people already there, provisions scarce and high, and although there were some very good mines, they did not appear to be very extensive or lasting. We made a prospecting tour farther east among the mountains for two or three days, but as we found no gold in paying quantities, we soon after returned to the valley.

After we had abandoned our claim on the middle fork, I concluded to go to Nelson's Creek again. I started from Marysville and traveled up there the second time. This was in August, and yet at one place we traveled over a snow bank which we estimated was 25 feet deep. After arriving there in company with one or two others, I selected a claim on the middle fork of Feather River, a short distance below the mouth of Nelson's Creek, where the stream could be turned by a dam. We thought there was a possibility that the river bed might be rich, and we concluded to construct a small wing dam sufficient to test it. We put in the dam so as to throw the water from a small portion of the river's bed. The claim proved as worthless as our first one.

I then traveled up Nelson's Creek two or three miles and hired myself to a company who had turned the creek from its course and was working out its bed.

This was paying fairly well. If I remember correctly I was to have ten dollars per day and board. The next camp below ours on the creek was about 80 rods distant, where three men were at work. They were all from Vergennes, Vermont, and were neighbors before they left home. They had a paying claim and were doing well. As the stream between the two camps passed through a small canyon, the trail was a rough one.

One Saturday night, about twelve o'clock, one of these men came running up to our camp very much excited and out of breath, saying his two partners had been killed. His version of the matter was

that, as they all lay asleep, two or three men had killed his two companions with a hatchet while they slept, and that he was awakened by the noise of the blows, to discover a man with a hatchet raised over his head, just in the act of striking him the fatal blow. He had jumped to his feet and run for his life. He had heard someone running after him, but from the sound he thought his pursuer had fallen, and after that ceased to follow him.

We immediately went to the stricken camp, but could do nothing that night. The next morning we went down and found the two men in the creek. We took them out and found their heads cut to pieces, and also found the hatchet in the creek that was used by the murderers. The men were said to have had a considerable quantity of gold, which they kept under their heads. The gold could not be found.

We rolled the murdered men in their blankets as well as we could and buried them on the side of the mountain.

It would perhaps be natural for some to suspect the survivor of the three men as being the guilty murderer of the other two, and that seemed to be the case to some extent, especially by those who knew but little of the circumstances, while all those that were present when the murdered men were found and buried, were of the opinion that he was innocent of the crime.

On the next Sunday, one week after the two dead men were found and buried, quite a company of men came into our camp, all being strangers. Soon after they began to inquire in relation to the circumstances accompanying the murders, and all such circumstances and conditions were minutely gone into so far as was known.

After learning all that seemed to be possible to be known about the sad matter, they quietly departed. We did not know their mission at the time. Soon after we learned that they came from a small mining town, a few miles distant. They heard of the murders, and of the circumstances of the three men being camped together, two of whom were killed.

They had talked the matter over and discussed the circumstances attending them, so far as they could learn them correctly at such a distance, and at a public meeting. They had arrived at the conclusion that the survivor of the three men was undoubtedly the murderer. The men that came to our camp had been selected at the meeting for the purpose of investigating the case, and to try the supposed murderer before Judge Lynch, and if found guilty, execute him.

When they came over Sunday morning they supposed it would all be completed and that they would return to their homes before night.

But after an investigation had been made by them, they came to the conclusion that the companion who had made his escape was innocent.

At the time I left home for California in April, 1849, I was not in the enjoyment of very good health. I was suffering somewhat from a cough, and it distressed me to inhale a long breath. I did not feel strong and robust. However, I had kept the matter a secret so far as was possible, thinking that if my friends knew the conditions they would oppose my going to California, and I was fully determined to go if possible and take the consequences, whatever they might be.

This condition of my health continued in some degree for a considerable length of time. While at Independence, Missouri, where we remained about four weeks, my illness caused a pain in my side when I rode horseback. The same was true after we had started on our journey over the plains. It gradually wore away and long before we reached the Rocky Mountains, my health seemed to be perfect.

It continued to be excellent during all the last part of the journey and through the winter of 1849-50. I was more fleshy and of heavier weight at that time than I had ever before been, or have been since. When cutting wood at Yuba City I weighed more than 160 pounds, but during the summer of 1850 I did not enjoy entirely uninterrupted good health.

Our work on Nelson's Creek was very laborious. It lay in a mountain gulch, deep down, where it was quite warm as long as the sun shone upon us. I cannot at this time recall the exact length of

(Continued on page 6) Kimball Webster

Treasurers Report August 2022

Balance Forward from July 31, 2022 \$19,872.93

INCOME

Club Memberships: \$410.00
Life Flight Memberships: \$1,495.00
Total income \$1,905.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Supplies/Administrative: Memberships \$32.98
Top O' Deep: Gold Purchases \$1,155.75
Consumer Cellular: \$18.80
BLM: Mining Claims \$3,465.00
USPS: Postage \$1.92
Northwest Offset Printing: August Newsletter \$183.63
Mary Lowe: Postage \$5.76
Credit Card Fees: Square \$4.86
Life Flight: 2022 Memberships \$1,820.00
PLP: 2022 Membership \$150.00
USPS: Postage \$1.92
Total Disbursements: \$6,840.62

SUMMARY

Balance Forward: July 31, 2022 \$19,872.93
Total August, 2022 **Income:** \$1,905.00
Total August, 2022 **Disbursements:** \$6,840.62
Ending Balance: August 29, 2022 \$14,937.31

By Mark Cook

In Memoriam

Jon Larson, NWGPA member # 2310 passed away August 19, 2022 after a short battle with lung cancer. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. RIP Jon Larson!

A man is with his wife on his deathbed. He leans towards her, "Honey, I have one last wish. After I die, marry Joe. She replies, "I thought you hated Joe?" He looks deeply in her eyes and with his last breath says. "I do!"

I hate when I think I'm buying organic vegetables and when I get home I discover they're just regular donuts!

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.

Also, I would be interested in getting future photos covering the same topics as above. Slideshows are a great draw at meetings and gold shows. Also, I can use them in the Nugget News.

Send to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Thanks.....Bob

Share With Your Friends
Eagle City Park Video at:
<http://youtu.be/0lzZnkOJaVk>

(Continued from page 5) Kimball Webster

time I worked there, but would say it was from two to three weeks. Whenever I labored in my life, I always intended to keep up my end, or to perform my share of the work. No fault was made known to me here.

However, I was not feeling as well as I could desire, especially toward the close of my service there. Instead of feeling any improvement, I grew steadily worse.

The last morning I went to my work I felt miserable, but thought I would be able to overcome it, so I said nothing. I worked until noon when I felt obliged to quit for the day.

There was at that camp a man by the name of Jewett, from some place in Massachusetts, who the winter previous had stopped a while at the Pelham camp. The tragic fate of the men so near our camp seemed to make Mr. Jewett extremely nervous and timid. He seemed to be almost afraid of his own shadow, and ever after the tragedy he was talking about going to the valley, and from there to his home in New England. One obstacle to his making an immediate start was that he lacked the courage to go alone.

Two or three days after I had quit work he found some parties that were going to the valley, and as there was but two of them, he desired me to go with them to enlarge the party, and as he seemed to believe, make it safer.

I replied that as I was sick, probably I could not travel as fast as his party would desire to go, but if I did not improve in health within a few days, I thought I should go to the valley. I had no fear to travel alone and would prefer to do so, as I could take my own time. He was very urgent that I should go with him, and said as he had a pack horse, he would carry my blankets and would make the journey as comfortable as possible for me. I finally consented, almost against my better judgment. This was near the last of August or the first of September.

We started on the morning of the next day after the arrangements had been completed. His horse was at Onion Valley, about eight miles on our way. From Nelson's Creek up the mountain, about one and one-half miles, it was very steep. That brought us to the top of the mountain. From there we traveled to Onion Valley. There we took a little refreshments and then packed the horse and started for Grass Valley, about 18 miles distant.

Although the air on the mountain was cool, the morning was pleasant. While in California I wore no coat. Shirts and pants were the clothing worn, and during the rainy season when it was cooler we wore extra flannel shirts. Blankets were much used instead of shirts when miners were not at work. At that time I was dressed with a "Hickory" shirt and thin pants, all cotton.

When we left Onion Valley my blankets were packed on the horse, as I didn't expect to need them on the road while walking.

Soon after we left Onion Valley it commenced raining, which soon after turned into a wet snow. This melted nearly as fast as it fell, and being thinly clad as I was, I was soon wet to the skin and very cold and uncomfortable. I thought that if I could only get my

(Continued on page 8) Kimball Webster

A Must Have Book

"Fists Full of Gold"

By Chris Ralph

Cover Price \$29.95

ISBN: 978-0-9842692-0-4

Goldstone Publishing; 362-pages



Some tools of a Prospector!

Pickles' Mining Supply

42 N Kelly Drive
Cusick, WA 99119
(509) 442-3196

Pans * Sluices * Dredges * Etc.

(Continued from page 2) Yesterday's News

The mines which will be enabled to ship ore as soon as the main line is completed include the Monarch, Bear top, Oro Fino, Chicago-London, Paragon, Black Horse, Golden Chest, Terrible Edith, Great western and Lucky Boy. Such mines as the Idora on Sunset Peak will have a choice of routes pending the construction of a branch up Beaver Creek which will be 10 miles long and the first feeder to be built. Later on, other branches will be constructed up Eagle Creek to near the Jack Waite property six or eight miles and up the main North Fork 20 miles to tap a great timber country with numerous promising prospects as well.

Mean while a few minor changes in the location of the main line are being made and it is this work which has caused the delay until July 15 in letting the contract. The main line from

(Continued on page 8) Yesterday's News

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!

Eagle City Park Memberships for Sale

#85, 86 & 87 Doug & Cathy Boseth (208)773-4701

#18 Barry Coe (208)640-9786

Club Officers

2021

President:
Rotating
By Board of Directors

Vice President:
Bryan McKeehan
509-999-8710
doorguybryan@hotmail.com

Secretary:
Bill Izzard
206-510-4111
bluefrontside@hotmail.com

Treasurer:
Mark Cook
208-755-8853
mark2697301@gmail.com

Sergeant of Arms:
Pee-wee Payment
208-682-4661

Club Merchandise:

Directors:
Bob Grammer (1yr Oct 2021)
208-755-1919

Bob Lowe (1yr Jan 2021)
208-699-8128
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Bryan McKeehan (3yr Jan 2020)
509-999-8710
doorguybryan@hotmail.com

Mark Cook (3yr Jan 2020)
208-755-8853
mark2697301@gmail.com

Bill Izzard (2yr Jan 2022)
206-510-4111
bluefrontside@hotmail.com

Communication and Newsletter:
Bob Lowe
208-699-8128
bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Membership:
Mary Lowe
208-651-8318
mary@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Claims & Gold Show Chairman:
Mark Cook

Activities: Open

Nomination: Open

Law and Regulations: Wayne McCarroll

Legislation Liaison:

Internet Website: Bill Izzard

Programs: Open

Financial Audit: Open

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!

Field Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Montana

55 detailed maps
local advice
regulations
89 pages
\$14.95

Gold Panners' Guide to Idaho

by **Tom Bohmker**
80 detailed maps
useful information
geology of gold deposits
big nuggets
\$29.95

www.goldpannersguide.com
Tom Bohmker (503)606-9895

(Continued from page 6) Kimball Webster

blankets out of the pack to put over my shoulders it would be much more comfortable, and perhaps better for the health of a sick man.

I spoke to Mr. Jewett about it and he replied that he couldn't get at the blankets without unpacking the horse, and that he thought I could get along without them. I said no more about the matter. We at length arrived at Grass Valley, thoroughly drenched and almost exhausted.

While Mr. Jewett and his party were pitching the tent for the night, I went into a cloth eating house and seated myself on a board before a small fire burning on the ground. After being seated there for some time I felt very faint. I could see nothing for several minutes and everything looked black. I said nothing but kept my seat, which was near the table. I soon recovered from the faintness and became partially warm.

Supper was at length announced, but I did not desire to leave my seat, neither did I feel like eating anything. I turned and faced the table, ate a small piece of a cracker and drank a little tea, paid two dollars for supper, and again faced the fire.

When it was nearly night I went over a short distance to Mr. Jewett's camp. He said I had the scurvy, but I didn't think so. He wanted me to get some potatoes and eat them raw, scraped in vinegar. He urged the matter so persistently that I bought a pound of small potatoes, for which I paid one dollar and a half, scraped some of them into vinegar and made an effort to take them as medicine. It was too much like an emetic for me. I threw away those I had prepared, gave the balance to Mr. Jewett, and told him that rather than eat raw potatoes I would take my chances with the scurvy. But, in fact, I did not believe I had the scurvy, and later I was thoroughly convinced that I did not have it. Mr. Jewett was very timid that night and very nervous.

Each one of the small party had some kind of firearms. I had a double barrel shotgun, which was loaded with buckshot, but during the rain it had become wet through so that it was impossible to discharge it without giving it a thorough cleaning and drying. He desired me to put it in thorough order and reload it. I told him I would not do it, that I was about to lie down and make myself as comfortable as possible.

To be continued.....

(Continued from page 7) Yesterday's News

Enaville to Murray will have a maximum grade of four-tenths of one percent. From Murray to Paragon Gulch the grade will be three and a half percent. There are only two important bridges on the line and little rock work. *(The Wallace Miner—July 4, 1907)*

Oro Fino Improving

Since the big strike was made in the tunnel of the Oro Fino mine near Murray two weeks ago, a 100 foot upraise is being made to connect with the shaft and it is going up in fine ore all the way. *(The Wallace Miner—July 4, 1907)*

Galena in Grass Roots

Word has been received from Murray of a promising discovery on a new location at the head of Toboggan Gulch a mile and a half for the Jack Waite property. It shows a 15 foot ledge carrying some good grade galena. It is owned by W.B. and A.P. Blackman, W.A. Taylor and A.R. Hall of Murray. *(The Wallace Miner—July 4, 1907)*

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.

STARCRAFT TENT TRAILER

MODEL 2406 SLEEPS SIX
* EXCELLENT CONDITION * * SELDOM USED * * SELDOM TOWED *



\$4,200 OR BEST OFFER

PH: 208-682-3141

ADDRESS: 20874 COEUR D'ALENE RIVER RD
Email: latitude4738@gmail.com

2022 Club Calendar

September 8th
September 10th
September 10th & 11th.
September 12th
October 13th
October 15th
November 10th
December 8th
December 11th

Meeting
Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast Potluck
3rd Annual Civil War Reenactment
Eagle City Park Closes for season
Meeting
Chili Feed @ Eagle City Park
Meeting
Meeting
Annual Christmas Potluck (tentative)

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

The Affair

Husband: Honey, it looks like I'm not going to make it so I want to get something off my chest.

Wife: What is it dear?

Husband: I've been having an affair with your best friend Julia for the past year.

Wife: Oh yes, I know all about it.

Husband: You do!

Wife: Why yes dear, why do you think I poisoned you.

If it's the thought that counts, then I should probably be in jail!

Reminders

Refreshments and goodies for the meetings are always a big hit. Please sign up 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.

Rugged Country Outpost

Located on Beaver Creek Road (red food trailer behind G&G Riverstop Store), RCO serves the best "made to order" breakfast & lunch food items around.

Specialty coffee drinks are also available.

Opens May 13th.

Be sure to order the "Big Bob"!

You can call in your order at 208-682-3012

Jinger's Gold-Con Fluid Tube

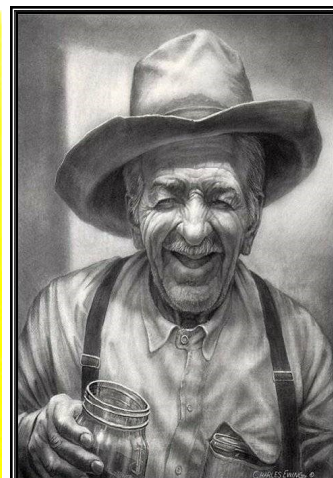
Saves Hours Of Panning
Simple, Easy To Use

Assembled \$50 - DIY Plans \$20

GoldFever Mining Supply
208-699-8128

(see video at <https://youtu.be/lcSb1maktAg>)

Safe...Effective...Fast Acting...
Relief In Minutes
Coy McGaha
sales associate
Phone: (509) 663-5429
enjoylivingagain.com/fd001ce6



Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Recipe(s) of the Month

Easy Peanut Butter Cake & Peanut Butter Frosting

Cook time: 40 Min Prep time: 10 Min

Ingredients

CAKE BATTER

1 box yellow cake mix
4 eggs
1/2 c softened butter
1 c water
1/2 c creamy peanut butter

PEANUT BUTTER FROSTING

3 c confectioners' sugar
1/2 c creamy peanut butter
1/2 c softened butter
2+ Tbsp milk
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
tiny pinch salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease 9 X 13 baking pan and set aside.
2. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and peanut butter until well incorporated. Add eggs, cake mix, and water and beat on medium for two minutes. Pour into greased baking dish and bake for 40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.
3. Frosting: Cream the butter and peanut butter until well incorporated. Add confectioners' sugar, extract, salt, and 2 tablespoons of milk and continue to mix until the frosting is nice and fluffy. You may need an additional tablespoon (or more) of milk if the frosting is too thick.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

**When people start to annoy you,
just forget them and head to the
mountains to prospect for
GOLD!**

Inland Empire Metal Detectors

12105 E an Sprague, Spokane, WA
(inside Pine Street Market)

Multi-Line Dealer

Garrett, Tesoro, Fisher

Keene, Coming Soon : MineLab

Detectors, Gold Pans

And ALL Accessories

Over 100 Years of Combined Experience

E-mail: cst treasure@centurytel.net

509-999-0692 or 208-660-4852

If you get this newsletter by email,
please feel free to forward
it to everyone in your
address book.

Please email:
bob@goldfeverminingupply.com
or home address to ensure delivery of
your newsletter each month!

Wyoming Mines, Inc.
15101 S Cheney-Spokane Rd
Cheney, WA 99004
509-235-4955
jim Ebisch—jimmyevackcore@yahoo.com
wyomines.com

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.



Northwest Gold Prospectors Assn.
PO Box 2307
Post Falls, Idaho 83877-2307

