

MINE SELLING PROSPECTORS' NIEW

Glimmering Doranis are Apt to Vanish When Time For Payment Comes

There has appeared from time to time so much advice to prospectors and vendors of mines and prospects—well, not prospects; investors do not want these; prospects never made a mine, you know—that it may be interesting to look at the situation through the prospector's or vendor's eyes for once and the following letter was sent to the New York Engineering and Mining Journal and needs but little comment as the experience of the prospector given below is common and the sentiments he expresses are gaining ground throughout all sections and will bring about a condition that can mean only continued setback to the advance of a legitimate and highly profitable industry.

Dear Pard:

Another glittering dream vanishes with the dawn, the deal is off and yours faithfully is a wiser if not richer "tenderfoot." I say "tenderfoot" in the light of looking backward, we of the pick and shovel are kids of these wise finance men of the east—give me the western mining man to deal with, they are on the square at least, I have been reading how we should not ask money down, should have ore "blocked out," "in sight" etc., etc., and much other good advice to you and me and the rest of the boys as to how to sell a mine, how we must have a lot of mineral showing in the camp and all sorts of dope, and in the papers that we look to for information, supposed and finally made up my mind that it was coming so strong that there must be something in it. I had a chance to make a turn so concluded I would give them a chance and see how it worked. All was lovely, believe me, they got busy, I had a chance to do business with some good home people but was tied up, I had asked nothing mind you, for the privilege I gave them, and to make a long story short, they dumped me, side tracked by a bunch who thought they could land me for less and one thing and another, as I found out after.

Right here I want to tell you that we have some rights in this business of tying up our ground and the next geezer that wants a lay, will plank down enough coin to show his good faith in the deal, then if he wants to drop it and thinks he can come back on a smart "horse trading" stunt, I will have something for the time I am idle, the delay and possible loss of other chances to make a deal. I understand that when they want stock on option, they pay something for it but they use the papers to tell us what hardships we are putting on them, if we ask a small forfeit.

This ain't the worst feature of the deal I had up, as the following which came to my hand later will show you, and you might have use of the advice for your own use. This came pretty straight. "There are two ways to deal with that kind of 'engineers'!" I am told, "one is to hand them a slice of the commission, the other is to hand them a swift-kick somewhere! I think one could hand him first the last and then the first and he would forgive you for doing it?"

Tuck this under your hat and size up the "expert" when he comes along. If he wants "the bullion" on the dump with the eagle stamped on it, waste not your valuable time with him, he knows not a mine.

With Everlasting hope, here's to the future.

Yours,
Bill.

Engineer Bateman of the Canadian Exploration Company, who last week with a gang of six men sampled the Dennis claims in Turnbull, has finished his work and the results obtained are not satisfactory for taking over of these properties at the high figures asked, which was in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million. The assays on these claims have been rather freakish. The first two assays run consistently and over \$30 to the ton. The first sampling was made by parties having interests in the claims, the second was the preliminary examination by competent men for the Exploration Company and the final, which gave unsatisfactory and low values in the assays was made by Mr. Bateman himself.

LAWSON STARTS ANOTHER CRUSADE

Declares High Cost of Living is Caused By Gambling in Futures

Thos. W. Lawson thinks that he has been dead long enough and is starting something again in his usual high moral strain. He is going to tell the people how they are robbed annually of over two billions of money. In words he is a tearer down of pernicious systems but builds nothing. He says:

"The American republic is going to destruction because

"It is in the clutches of an evil which

"Is not of the people's own conscious making, and, consequently, it is beyond their power of curing for—

"They do not know what it is!

With the above brass-sounding words, Thomas W. Lawson, the expositor of "frenzied finance," begins a new crusade today in Everybody's Magazine.

Lawson, in this new flight, opens war on the Stock Exchange. He says that he and Everybody's are in this crusade for no financial gain, but only because unless the remedy comes quickly. This nation will be no more.

There has been enough talk, Lawson says, concerning "the contributing factors" of the high-cost-of-living. We have blamed a lot of things and have availed nothing.

"And now," he shouts, "it is time we found out the real cause of it and then, once and forever, to put an end to it!

"And this grievous thing for which we are all looking is the stock exchange and the gambling which is done there!

"The people of this country," he writes, have enough intelligence to know that they are being hurt and are being hurt unto death. But they do not know what is hurting them.

"If the American people today, in the zenith of their wealth, courage, might and all-round power, really knew what it is that is bedeviling them, they would, between one sunrise and another, destroy their bedevilers and their bedevilment in the consuming flame of their wrath!

"I know this Stock Exchange evil. "I know the device which robs the people.

"I have had a hand in its workings and I know how to reform it. That is why I am writing the remedy.

"I know the System's motive, its conscience, its soul, its heart. AND THE TIME IS RIPE FOR ITS DESTRUCTION! This must be two-fold:

"The first part is the destruction of the big evil—and the big evil is a gigantic, 'sure-thing' gambling device by which the American people are annually robbed of between two and three billions of dollars. This device is—and must be to be effective—worked through the stock exchange. Therefore, the purpose of our work is the closing up of the stock exchange—its permanent closing so far as gambling is concerned!

"There never has been," declares Lawson, "a stranger spectacle than this spectacle of a nearly frenzied free-and-equal, republic-housed people raging at incredible wrongs incubated in their own broodery, fattened in their own backyard and sanctified in their holiest temples of justice, by their highest constitution-ordained priests—the spectacle of a people raging at their own inability to understand the how and the wherefore of their wrongs, cursing those who are committing them and railing at their own impotent ignorance.

"Could the American people have a better illustration of their helplessness than in this fall's presidential campaign?

"We all know a mighty problem confronts us—the mightiest since that which screamed from the cannon's mouth in '61.

"Who shall be the commander-in-chief, what the battle lines and what the issue in this problem?

"And then what do we see as the answer?

"Wilson—Taft—Roosevelt!

"And nowhere on the banners of these three overtopping statesmen a correct answer to our frenzied questions:

"Nowhere in all this din of battle is there an intelligible word as to what 'reform' will stop present conditions, nowhere an intelligible word as to how long red, brutal revolution can be stayed!

"As I have said the first section of our crusade is to destroy the stock exchange.

"When the Stock Exchange has been destroyed the wholesale robbery

FOUND NO GOLD IN BAFFINS LAND

It Was the Same Old Treasure Island Story Told in a Different Way

Bill Woodney has returned from his little jaunt into Baffins Bay land in the Arctic Ocean, where he went with the Captain Munn expedition in search of gold, but found it not. He was in Cobalt last Saturday on his way to the Porcupine camp, having been gone from here since last May. Woodney is a genuine, born in the bone prospector, and has been in almost every part of the world where minerals are supposed to exist. He does not follow a rush but leads the vanguard in search of the precious metal. The Captain Munn party arrived at Baffin's Land about the 15th of July in a boat built expressly to withstand the ice, but on the 16th of July it was crushed in an ice jam and all that was saved were a few barrels of crackers, an abundance of ammunition and sufficient clothing to keep them from perishing with the cold.

The tale of the trip is the same old treasure Island story and has been in existence since women first commenced to adorn themselves with gold and precious stones and men sought for them. Captain Munn had an old map which had been left by an old prospector, who died in New Brunswick some time ago. This aged explorer had been up in the barren regions of the north and brought back with him two nuggets and sold each of them for five dollars. When he died he left this map and on it was marked two spots in Baffin's Land, where he claimed he had found the precious metal.

It was to prospect these districts that the Munn expedition went north.

When the miners and boat crew were thrown on the snow covered, icy island, they had but one thought naturally, that unless they devised some scheme or another to make their way down the coast they would certainly perish. They lived for some six weeks on the shores of Baffin, eating seal and biscuit.

One day a boat was sighted away to the south. Thinking it was a whaler and that they would be striking off in another direction after the large animal of the deep, one of the canoes which had been saved was put out to paddle 20 miles and secure the party's rescue by the approaching ship. Woodney was one of the men who went forth in the canoe.

The craft came steadily toward them and it was discovered to be Lucky Scott and his party in search of gold, in which were Ernie and Harry Holland.

After that the two parties merged. First they went to the places which were marked on the prospector's map which Munn still had in his possession. The ground about was thoroughly explored but no signs of gold were found.

Lucky Scott had about the same experience. He had a partner who told him that he knew where gold was to be found in the Northern Islands, but when the party searched this district, and after many places had been prospected it was found out that the partner had only guessed at it.

Both expeditions returned without any signs of gold having been discovered but with fur enough to nearly cover the cost of the trip.

of the people will be at an end, but the few, the possessors of gigantic fortunes will still collect through the instrumentality of stocks and bonds a legal but an undue return on their investments. The Second Section of the Remedy will correct this by compelling a fair division with the people, who at all times own the "real" money of the country—five billions of dollars deposited in savings banks.

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"In regard to the First Section we will show what laws are necessary to close the Stock Exchange, to close it as thoroughly to all gambling as the old Louisiana Lottery was closed.

"But the Louisiana Lottery compared with the Stock Exchange was as influenza to tuberculosis. Ninety-nine per cent. of the Stock exchange business today is gambling, three-fourths of this is loaded-dice gambling, and it takes from the people over two billions each year, and gives them absolutely nothing in return.

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