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# Sierra County Advocate.

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VOLUME XVIII.—No. 965

HILLSBORO, SIERRA COUNTY, N. M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1900.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1890.



IT is McKinley.

IT is Roosevelt.

IT is Rodey.

Now for some more prosperity.

Bryan's majority in Colorado will exceed 40,000.

Traitor Wolcott, of Colorado has been snowed under.

Texas went democratic and Vermont went republican.

If you can't look pleasant, look as pleasant as you can.

The frost that struck the republican party of Sierra county was the hardest since 1890.

The republican party of the ballot covers a great deal of territory in New Mexico. It takes in whole counties at one swipe.

While Hillsboro and Sierra county are in no way responsible for Mr. Rodey's election, the people have faith that he will do them justice.

If the gold standard is a good thing for all the people they will feel it out during the next four years.

The republicans of Sierra county thought they had a snap in this election, but they were mistaken, and now the republican party is suffering from general debility.

Ever since the American flag flew over New Mexico the republicans have talked statehood for her people. Now that they have been elected to power again, will they give us statehood?

The democrats of Sierra county did themselves proud. The republican political machine that has controlled post elections has been badly shattered and will need many repairs to make it useful in the election two years hence.

Li Hung Chang, the political prophet, who predicted that Sierra county would go solid for Mr. Harrison, has been frostbitten, so far as Sierra county is concerned. THE ADVOCATE reminded Li some time ago that while he predicted rightly once he was ten times wrong. However, Li can take a rest for two years.

That meteoric shower, which beat the American press out of so much free advertising about a year ago, and then failed to keep its appointment, is headed this way again and may be along in the course of a few days, so the astronomers say; but the astronomers failed us in such a gross manner a year ago that our confidence in their veracity has been seriously shaken.

On the strength of their solemn promises we sat out and shivered in the chill night air for more than four hours, and never had a thing to show for it but a bad cold. Since that time we have felt impelled to take the prognostications of the astronomers with about as much awe as we find it necessary to use in the predictions of a political commentator. Statement B. says, "If you're right, we're a fool, and you are willing to take

the chances, you can stay out and watch on the nights of the 12th, 13th and 14th, and if you see anything just ring the fire whistle and we'll all get up."—Journal-Democrat.

**BETTY GREEN AT HOME.**

**Two Little Flats Shelter America's Richest Woman and Her Husband.**

"Betty Green, 'The Richest Woman in America,'" writes Leigh Mitchell Hodges, in Ladies' Home Journal, "lives modestly in two small flats in a brick block in Hoboken, N. J. There are two electric push bells at the door, under which one finds the name 'Dewey.' Mrs. Green prefers that the public should not know where her home is situated, and she uses this name because her pet dog's name is Dewey, and she commonly calls it 'Catie.' The parlor is in the lower suite, and is a little larger than a good-sized closet. A couch, a small table and three chairs are the furnishings, and the ornamentation is quite simple."

"Mrs. Green is a rapid talker. Words seem to come to her as easily as do lava. She is witty, too, and these gifts, with her remarkable memory and pleasant voice, make her an excellent conversationalist. Her daily routine is more severe than that of any other living millionaire, perhaps. She rises early, eats a light breakfast in the little dining-room of the Hoboken flat, and hurries off to the ferry. It is only a short distance from her home to the ship, and she always walks, be the weather what it may. Her husband, E. H. Green, who is seldom seen or heard of, is an old man, almost 80, and somewhat of an invalid. The upper one of the two flats is called his, and there, in a plainly furnished sitting-room, he sits day in and day out while his wife is in New York looking after her financial affairs. When she comes home in the evening—it is always late—she sometimes reads to him."

**VIOLET-DESTROYING PESTS.**  
Growers in This Vicinity Disturbed Over the Appearance of a Devastating Insect.

Violet growers in this vicinity are disturbed over the appearance in considerable numbers of a gnat fly which attacks the fragrant violet and destroys the plant if its ravages are not quickly checked, says the New York Sun. European florists have for many years had a war on their hands against violet pests, but it is only within three years or so that the American grower has been troubled in this way. The American violet destroyer is of the same family as the European, but of a different genus. It works in the same way, securing itself in the crown of the plant. When the leaves come up they are slightly curled and half a dozen or more of the larvae are found in each leaf. They seldom appear on the side crowns, and these may be used for plants, but their flowers will not be as large as those from the center crown. The insect has been recently classified by the entomological bureau at Washington as *Diploscincus* *leptalis*. It is about six-hundredths of an inch in length. Because of the difficulty of destroying it without injury to the plant it is one of the worst of the flower pests. The best remedy is to pluck off the leaves infected, although the large are also susceptible to the hydrocyanic gas treatment.

**SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.**

In Germany 1,037,938 acres were devoted to sugar beets last year. The yield was about 45% ton to the acre, and the sugar results 12.7 percent.

There are now 49 pearl button factories in Iowa, working up shells procured from the river beds. Nearly 1,500 people are employed in the factories alone.

Recent tests in European manufactures have demonstrated conclusively that the hard wheat of northern Texas is particularly available for making macaroni and other so-called "pastas."

Prof. Omori, of Japan, an authority on the earthquakes so frequent in that country, has ascertained that in the case of the injury of two-story buildings, the damage is confined in most cases to the upper story.

An engineer employed by an American company, who recently visited the Cerro del Mercado, in Durango, says that the iron in sight on this mountain is sufficient to furnish all the smelters of England with ore for a period of 220 years.

M. Delyan, of the Pasteur Institute, has found a microbe which will wipe rats out of existence. He has tried the effect of his microbe in warehouses, farms and other places, and in 50 percent of cases the rats completely disappeared.

California has jumped to fourth place among the states in petroleum production. The output there has been increased from 1,245,323 barrels in 1895, to 2,926,323 barrels in 1899, and the prospect is that the output of the present year will be much larger than that of 1898.

One of the marine curiosities recently fished from the bottom of the Indian ocean by a dredging vessel in the employ of the Calcutta Society of Natural History was a mammoth sea crab which continually emitted a bright white light, similar to that seen in the spasmodic flashes of phosphorescent luminosity kindled by our common glow-worms. The oddity was captured in the daytime, and placed in a large tank, nothing peculiar except its immense size being noticeable in the broad glare of the tropical sun. At night, however, when all was pitch-darkness, the crab swirled the water by lifting up the tank so that all the other sea creatures, great and small, could plainly be seen.



**Collapse.**

Caused by over-work? No, caused by undernourishment. Work rarely causes collapse. It is worry—the outcome of a low condition of the nervous system and inadequate nutrition which generally causes collapse. The collapse seems sudden, but in reality it is a slow process. The stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased, the nourishment in the food eaten is only partially extracted and imperfectly assimilated. The blood becomes impure, the very fountain of life is poisoned, and some day all the faculties and functions go on a strike. That's collapse. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition, purifies the blood and builds up the weak body with sound healthy flesh.

"I was cured of a very bad case of indigestion, associated with terrible dyspepsia, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mr. G. H. Miller, of Louisville, Kentucky. "Before taking the medicine I could not sleep, nor work but very little because constipated and life was a misery to me. After taking four bottles I found myself well again and soon got well, so I used it about eight weeks longer, when I was permanently cured."

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**MOTHER'S KINGDOM.**

There is a kingdom dear on earth Known by the name of home Where love and happiness have birth, With mother on the throne, And with her love-bright scepter fair She reigns in saint-like glory there.

If shadows dim the sacred place, And touch the subjects dear, With tender loyalties on her face That shows no signs of fear, She smiles and prays until the night Wears the bright crown of morning light.

And if some seek to invade The peace-crowned fair domain, The brave, true man undismayed, In God's altar's altar, prays To live or die for the weak child His son and sorrow both defend.

O holy kingdom, ruled by love And earnest prayer and smile, Thy kingdom must the world above, Who loves thee, and thy love abhors, For ever may thy holy light Enrich the gloom of sin and night.

O faithful mother, evermore May thy true worth be known, Who loves thee, and thy love abhors, The little household here below, While thou dost reign in thy great worth God's angel while earth was the earth—Mrs. M. A. Goff, in Christian Worker.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and viscous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foci of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work.

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HILLSBORO, N. M., Aug. 19, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Robins & Crews is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and all parties having claims against said firm will present same to Will M. Robins who assumes the firm's indebtedness, and who will collect all accounts due said firm of Robins & Crews. WILL M. ROBINS, JOHN M. CREWS.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M.—

October 10, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named witness has filed notice of his intention to make good in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Commissioner of Land Patents at Hillsboro, N. M., on October 10, 1900.

JOHN NELSON, for Lot 5

Sec. 32, T. 47 S. 4, N. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his claim to residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John H. Coffelt, of Hillsboro, N. M.

John L. Shantz, of Hillsboro, N. M.

James Nelson, of Garfield, N. M.

James Nelson, of Hillsboro, N. M.

WILLIS SOLON NELSON, Register.

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October, the 4th, 1900.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS.

Chas. Eckberger came down from Hermosa on Wednesday.

J. B. Newman was in town yesterday on his way to El Paso.

The election passed off quietly and most satisfactory to the democrats.

Mrs. J. R. Fisk returned last Friday from Colorado where she had been visiting for several weeks.

The republican political machinery of Sierra county got a kick up on Nov. 6th, that will not be removed for a period of years to come.

Mr. George Fisher, well and favorably known in this vicinity, was married November 1st, to Miss Nellie Dunnell Murray, at the home of the bride's parents, 4852 Washington Avenue, Chicago.

Mrs. Jean Stauffer, daughter of Hon. W. S. Hopewell, arrived here last Tuesday from Lititz, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stauffer is accompanied by her two children and will remain several months with Mr. and Mrs. Hopewell.

The local democratic rally held in the court house Saturday night drew a large attendance. The choir sang national songs, and ringing speeches were made by chairman Hopewell, Judge Elliott and Harry Elliott.

John Dies, of Fairview, was badly injured last Tuesday by the accidental discharge of his revolver. The bullet entered the right leg below the knee and ranged downward lodging in his foot heel. The bullet in its course shattered some bones and the wound is serious.

Hon. B. S. Rodey, the republican nominee spoke here last Monday afternoon. Chairman A. W. Harris first made a nice, pleasant talk to the people and then introduced Mr. Rodey. Mr. Rodey talked one hour. He made a very pleasant talk and was well received by all. The Hillsboro brass band, under the leadership of G. M. Tomlinson, rendered patriotic airs, while the choir, ninety seven per cent of the singers being democrats, rendered patriotic songs. Mr. Rodey did not touch upon the vital issues of the day, and the only real applause he received was when he denounced the pollution of the ballot, and the democrats and republicans all looked alike and applauded approvingly. Everybody was glad to see Mr. Rodey and everybody greeted him kindly and pleasantly. When he departed through the gates of the city he was cheered to the echo. The people of Hillsboro would be glad to see Mr. Rodey again.

FAIRVIEW.

G. R. Hutchinson, a hunter who is located on Mineral Creek, killed the largest grizzly bear ever seen in this section last Friday. He was hunting about a mile above Keene's ranch when he heard a rustling in the bushes and immediately something rose above him that looked like a small mountain and only about fifteen yards away. The monster seeing danger made a break up the side of the mountain, when Mr. Hutchinson shot at it, hitting it near the backbone. It turned giving him a chance to plant a second bullet behind the shoulder. Just then the bear caught sight of him and started towards him. Mr. H. using his gun freely managed to plant a center shot over the nose. This rattled Mr. Bear and he started in another direction. Dogs put on his track followed him some distance and lo-

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SIERRA COUNTY STANDS  
SOLID FOR DEMOCRACY.

Nearly the Entire Democratic  
Ticket Elected.

Larrazolo's Majority 250.

(Unofficial Count).

As we go to press to-day we have unofficial returns from all precincts, excepting Monticello which will give Larrazolo 50 to 75 majority. Without Monticello Larrazolo's majority is 197. Of the county ticket the democrats elect six out of the nine county officials, viz: Reay and Aragon for county commissioners; Chandler for sheriff; Kelley for assessor; Plemmons for treasurer and collector; Torres for probate judge. Following is vote by precincts.

Lake Valley—Larrazolo, 42. Rodey, 11. Jobson, 36. Castillo, 42. Winston, 14. Sanchez, 10. Lee, 37. Duran, 12. Reay, 31. Ringer, 22. Aragon, 41. Trujillo, 10. Torres, 42. Bourquet, 10. Nickle, 39. Hall, 14. Chandler, 38. Kahler, 15. Kelley, 33. Crane, 20. Plemmons, 37. Robins, 16. Valles, 33. Given, 12. Rodey, 72. Jobson, 63. Castillo, 72. Winston, 85. Sanchez, 75. Lee, 58. Duran, 89. Reay, 63. Ringer, 85. Aragon, 62. Torres, 69. Bourquet, 79. Nickle, 52. Hall, 95. Chandler, 59. Kahler, 89. Kelley, 66. Crane, 80. Plemmons, 52. Robins, 95. Valles, 35. Given, 111. For County Surveyor, J. P. Parker, 34; Peter Galles, 9; A. Preisser, 1. Trujillo, 75.

Kingston.—Larrazolo, 49. Rodey, 23. Jobson, 51. Castillo, 50. Winston, 21. Sanchez, 20. Lee, 53. Duran, 19. Reay, 49. Ringer, 19. Aragon, 49. Trujillo, 19. Torres, 47. Bourquet, 20. Nickle, 44. Hall, 28. Chandler, 46. Kahler, 25. Kelley, 64. Crane, 18. Plemmons, 46. Robins, 26. Valles, 6. Given, 26.

Los Palomas.—Larrazolo, 37. Rodey, 18. Jobson, 35. Castillo, 23. Winston, 23. Sanchez, 25. Lee, 27. Duran, 31. Reay, 24. Ringer, 34. Aragon, 18. Trujillo, 39. Torres, 46. Bourquet, 10. Nickle, 25. Hall, 33. Chandler, 32. Kahler, 30. Kelley, 39. Crane, 19. Plemmons, 34. Robins, 24. Valles, 23. Given, 13.

Cuchillo Negro.—Larrazolo, 29. Rodey, 14. Jobson, 17. Castillo, 21. Winston, 26. Sanchez, 22. Lee, 16. Duran, 27. Reay, 20. Ringer, 23. Aragon, 13. Trujillo, 30. Torres, 25. Bourquet, 18. Nickle, 17. Hall, 26. Chandler, 38. Kahler, 5. Kelley, 26. Crane, 17. Plemmons, 39. Robins, 4. Valles, 25. Given, 18.

Faulkner.—Larrazolo, 72. Rodey, 36. Jobson, 56. Castillo, 60. Winston, 53. Sanchez, 49. Lee,

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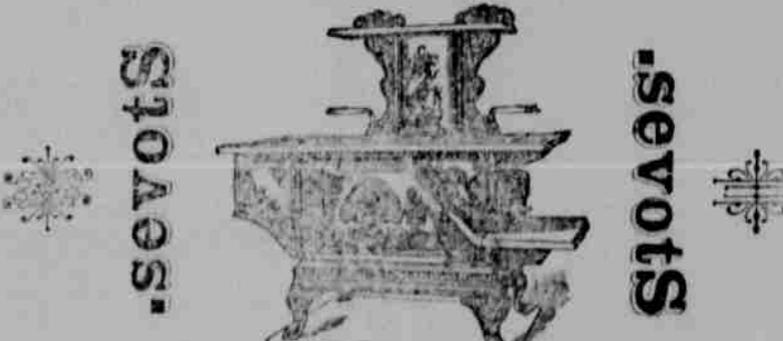
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TOMBSTONE TELLS A LIE.  
Memorial Tablet in a Pennsylvania Cemetery That Cannot Hide Its Untruthfulness.

People who visit the ancient "public burying ground" beside the old Concord schoolhouse, in Germantown, are apt to receive a shock; that is, if they fail in reading the epitaphs, as visitors to a graveyard usually do, says the Philadelphia North American.

Concealed in a modest, unrequested corner is a grave which, half hidden in tangled grass, seems no wise different from its sunken fellows. It is only when the eye of the explorer falls upon the tombstone at its head that the shock is received. For the inscription, in timeworn letters, reads:

IN MEMORY OF  
ADAM SHIBLER,  
WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE DECEMBER THE  
22, 1777, AGED 99  
YEARS.

Luckily, the oldest inhabitant is usually at hand to explain the situation and chuckle over an ancient joke. Adam Shibley, so he explains, was gathered to his father at the age of 62 years. The stonemason mistook his directions and had already set 36 years upon the stone when he discovered his mistake. Thrifty, unwilling to lose his hours of toil, he covered up the first nine with cement and added another after the six. In the course of years the cement wore away, and some ghoulish wug with a pocket knife did the rest.

The inaccuracy of the epitaph is proverbial; but that of poor Adam Shibley, as it stands, must carry off the palm for prevarication.

#### MARKET FOR TALISMANS.

Many of Them Are Still Made, Sold and Believed in by Thousands of People.

There are thousands of talismans sold in New York and other metropolitan centers every year. There are hundreds of men and women who make a business of making and selling them, and as much as five and ten dollars is often paid for a little circular piece of leather or metal containing inscriptions supposed to possess marvelous power.

A belief in charms has existed in all ages and has been shared by all peoples. It is a natural result of superstition, says the New York Herald.

Talismans, to be efficacious, must be constructed when the planets are in benevolent configuration. It is then that the magic geometrical words and figures inscribed thereon are more potent in their results for good. The date of birth of the person for whom the talisman is made must also be considered, so that his particular lucky star is taken into consideration.

There are thousands who put all their faith in the talisman. This is notably the case with those who are in bad health, and where medicine seems to do no good. In such cases there is a talisman containing magical figures which are supposed to ward off all diseases and keep the wearer in excellent health. Then there are talismans for gaining wealth, for love, for marriage and what not.

A talisman, to be effective, is usually worn around the neck or on a silken string. It must, however, never be seen by anyone else but the wearer, otherwise its power is lost. The charm is said to lie not so much in the magical squares, triangles and figures as in the meaning they convey and the power they exert on the imagination. It is but another instance of faith and the magic exerted by the will.

Many great men were believers in talismans and wore them constantly. Napoleon especially was very superstitious, and carried on his person a charm given to him by an Egyptian priest, which he regarded as being responsible for his great success in battle. The Rothschild family, it is said, also has a talisman, which is an hour-glass. It is in the shape of a snuff-box, and is said to have brought the family the great wealth for which it is celebrated.

Polar Property on Sale.  
Last year the Lerner expedition, organized by a German syndicate consisting of capitalists in Berlin, Hamburg and Magdeburg, took possession of some land in the Bear Islands off the coast of Siberia, says a Hamburg correspondence of the London Mail.

The sale of this property should have taken place some time ago, but at the last moment it was put off by the vendors. Whether the idea of selling it arose from a discovery of the poverty of the islands in natural products or not it is impossible to ascertain. Today the property was put up for sale, and the whole of the mining rights and stock of the Bear Island syndicate, including mining plant and considerable stocks of coal, were, after a protest from Herr Theodor Lerner, knocked down in public auction to the firm of Knobler & Burchardt's Successors & Co. for £2,000. Herr Lerner applied to attach the whole of the purchase money for the settlement of his prior claim of £4,000.

Printing Presses from Germany.  
It may surprise some of our iron manufacturers, says Consul B. H. Warner, Jr., to learn that, among other articles, printing presses and machinery have been exported from Germany to the island of Porto Rico during the past year. Printing presses and machinery of American manufacture are considered to be the best in the world, and yet, through the agency of agents and wholesale dealers, machinery manufactured in Germany has been sold in quantities in the above-mentioned island.

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#### A CHIVALRIC BIRD.

The Golden-Crowned Thrush Arranges a Dainty Compartment for His Mate.

Even the birds recognize woman's rights—at least so an Audubon lecturer declared the other day in describing the habits of the golden-crowned thrush, more familiarly known as the ovenbird. The word "oven" merely refers to the shape of the philosopher's nest, which usually is built on the ground with a dome-like roof. Even the family name suggests fire, being Furnariidae, says the Baltimore News. But the way in which the nest is built explains the bird's answer to "feminist" demands. A partition divides the "oven" into two compartments. The inside one is for the tiny bird and has a luxuriant feather bed. The outer room is the gentleman bird's boudoir, and its only furniture is a rough clay couch.

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The Black Range, looked at from any direction, present a curious aspect, dark and smoky, whose timber-clad peaks cut a serrated line on the horizon. The name "Black Range" is given on account of the heavy forests of pine and pines that grow so thickly all over the country. This range of mountains extends in a northerly and southerly direction, and is in length about 120 miles and about forty miles in width. Water and game abound there in plenty, and along the eastern flank of the Range a great belt of mineral—gold, silver, copper, iron and manganese.

The first section showing value is the great silver producing mines of Lake Valley. The mines of this section are enclosed and almost entirely surrounded by a lateral strata of quartz resting upon dolomite. This is the location of the famous "Bridal Chamber," where \$3,000,000 worth of almost pure silver was extracted in six months.

North Percha and Tierra Blanca, two other great silver camps, are located on this Lake Valley belt, some 18 miles distant. Gold, also, has been found in fascinating quantities in both these latter camps.

The great silver camp of Kingston, at the foot of the Black Range, eight miles from Hillsboro, has produced \$7,000,000 in silver. This camp has experienced two booms, and will no doubt enjoy a third, with fair silver legislation.

The Black Range mineral belt again shows richly at Hermosa, 27 miles from Hillsboro, in a great body of limestone of dolomite character. The silver camp of Hermosa has shipped about \$2,000,000 in silver, and as yet has hardly reached its prime. Free coinage would make it probably one of the most prosperous mining camps in the West.

From Hermosa camp the mineral belt can be traced into the Apache Mining District, of which the town of Chloride is the business center. Here great veins of mineralized quartz crop above the enclosing country formations. Along the eastern contact the greatest amount of work has been done—extending at Byers Mine. Here the vein in one place at the Cliff mine shows a width of more than five feet. Hence looking along the vein we find, all along, evidences of work the miner has done, in piles of ore lying at the edge of tunnels and shafts. These ores are rich in silver, and carry gold enough to make their working profitable—say from \$20 to \$30 gold per ton.

The next camp is the rich Hillsboro gold district. It is located upon the eastern contact of the mineral belt of the range, the formation of the district where the rich gold ore is found being porphyry. The veins are true fissures. The Bonanza mine alone in this district paid dividends amounting to about \$250,000. Hillsboro also has large and very rich gold placers, which are at last about to be made to give up their vast treasures to the Mesa del Oro Company. Hillsboro is the oldest camp in Sierra County and has produced altogether about 9,000,000 in gold.

The Midnight mine has been worked to some depth, sufficient to prove its great value. The Colossal mine is another

on the northern slope of Hagan's Peak is located an important group of claims—the St. Cloud, Atlanta, U. S. Treasury and White Eagle. On the Treasury a shaft entirely in ore opens the vein to a depth of 140 feet, showing on the 100-foot level an ore body more than 24 feet wide; running high in silver and 10 in gold.

Crossing the belt we come to the Silver Monument mine which has been sunk to a depth of 400 feet, in hornite ores rich in silver, with a little gold.

A group of claims are now being worked on Mineral Creek near the town of Chloride, and a small stamp mill operating. Two other claims of this district are worth mentioning—the Readjuster and Nordhausen, both containing good ore.

In the Grafton mining district, next on the Black Range, is the famous Ivanhoe gold mine. Development work consists of a 250 foot tunnel on the vein, the first 80 ft. of this property yields 17 ozs. gold per ton.

The Ivanhoe vein enters the Emporia claim, upon which 750 feet of work has been done in ore. Shipments return of Emporia ore show 13 oz. gold per ton.

The next place along this vein which has been prospected sufficiently to warrant an estimation of value is at Camp Kingsbury, three miles north of the Emporia mine, at which camp is located the Great Republic group of mines. Ore worth 1 per pound in gold has been mined here in places, and general shipments from the whole group have paid handsomely.

A word now to investors or those looking for a country that shows sufficient to warrant the putting in of money with a fair prospect of success. The different mining sections of Sierra County have been developed to that extent as to leave no question as to their ultimate great value.