Miscellaneous News.

A Puzzle for Jersey Assessors.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 25.—The Morris county assessors have just rendered a curious report. It shows that Morris county has gained 171 acres in a year and that various townships have increased and decreased in a most unaccountable manner. Washington township has shrunk in size 41 acres, Chatham 76 acres, Pequanac 177 acres and Randolph township is 500 acres smaller than it was by the report of the assessors last year. Other townships show large gains, Roxbury alone having expanded to the tune of 494 acres. At this rate Roxbury will soon consume all of Randolph township. It is hard to understand how these changes should have come about and the assessors themselves are sorely puzzled.

A Rare Opportunity for Profit.

The soundest, greatest and best mining enterprise in America, to-day, whose shares are for sale, is the Tortilita. The property comprises twelve developed mines located in Arizona. Over $150,000 in bullion has been taken out of the pure mines now being worked, and their permanency is demonstrated. The capital stock of the Tortilita Mining Company is $1,000,000, based on property worth $15,000,000, shares $2 each, at which price they can be purchased by letter or in person at the Tortilita Mining Company's office, 57 Broadway, New York. The stock is being largely taken for private investment by bankers, merchants, farmers and working men and women. Subscription may be made for from one share upwards. The price is likely to advance materially. The Tortilita is second only to the famous Comstock in its output and promise.—*Boston Globe*

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

A Thoughtless Young Mans Learns a Lesson for Life.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Sept. 22.—Joseph Dennis, aged about 18, came near ending the life of Miss Kate Dennis his cousin, both of whom are employed in the family of Dr. Davis P. Walton here. Early yesterday morning both were in the kitchen. Miss. Dennis was at her work and Joseph was playing with a revolver, a self cocker, containing one cartridge. Supposing the revolver to be empty, he pointed it at his cousin and said: "I have a notion to shoot you." He pulled the trigger, and Kate ran to the doctor's office crying, "I am shot! I am shot!" Joseph followed her, almost overcome by his foolishness. As soon as Kate could be pacified an examination proved that the ball had struck one of the corset steels a few inches below the breast bone and glanced off to the side of the building. Kate and Joseph always displayed a friendly feeling towards each other, and until her condition was discovered both were very much excited. Joseph has decided to never handle a revolver again.

EXILE LIFE IN SIBERIA.

The Story of Two Nihilists Who Escaped.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—A Russian political exile, who recently made his escape from Siberia, has been entertaining a select coterie of Bohemians in London for some weeks by the relation of his adventurous escape from his Siberian jailers and the hardships he endured in his attempt to regain his liberty. He is a man of about middle age, of pleasing appearance, and speaks English as well as most educated Russians do. He gives his name as Baker, having assumed this name since he reached London. The story of his escape is most thrilling, and the graphic manner in which he relates his varied adventures never fails to claim the undivided attention of his listeners.

He, with numerous companions, was sent into exile early in 1881, for implication in some discovered plot against the Czar's life, and was immured within one of Siberia's interior villages, surrounded by vast tracts of ice and snow. Here the prisoners were left in the keeping of a few guards, but they were prevented from escaping far more effectually by the fear of becoming the prey of the fierce wolves whose baying at night could be distinctly heard on all sides of the village.

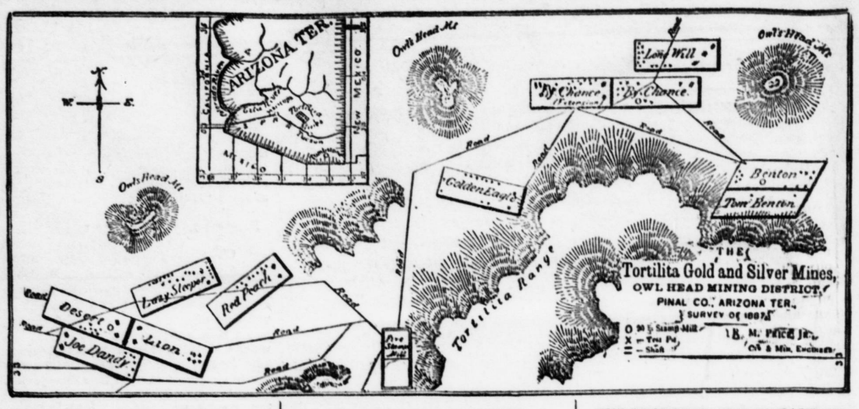
The idea of hope and escape never leaves the exile's mind, says Baker, and his one absorbing thought how to reach freedom, and the hope of accomplishing this remains with them until death.

The exiles were obliged to go into the forests near by and cut what wood they used, and it was by this very means that Baker succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the guards, and in leaving the village. One day while he and a companion were securing their supply of wood they accidentally came across a small opening, concealed by a evergreen tree which led to be a good sized cave. Here was a means of escape. Without giving the details which Baker relates so freely, it is enough to say that the two exiles kept the matter secret, and removed to the cave day by day such of the provisions they could spare without exciting attention.

When the cave was stocked with food enough to last some time, if frugally used, the men prepared to take their departure, and begin the hard and doubtful struggle for liberty. So one day they went out for wood but did not return. Of course search was made for them and the country scoured; but having thrown the pursuers off the track, the exiles lived securely for nearly two weeks within sight of their recent place of confinement.

At the end of that time they came out of their hiding place and began a journey full of hair-breadth escapes and shocking sufferings. After innumerable dangers from wolves, from Cossacks, from freezing and starvation, they finally reached civilization, but Baker's companion died soon after their escape from the effects of the terrible exposure he had endured.

Baker says there is an organized movement on foot among nihilists to effect the escape of a number of prominent political exiles, and the arrangements for the accomplishment of the plan are most extensive. Nihilists in all parts of the world have contributed to the fund nesessary to carry out the design, which will soon be put into operation.



The Tortilita Mines.

The Leading Mining Properties of the Country.

Their Marvelous Richness in Gold and Silver.

A Safe and Profitable Investment for all.

FROM THE NEW YORK "STAR" AUGUST 27TH, 1887.

The mines of the Tortilita Gold and Silver Mining Company of No. 57 Broadway, New York, have become the most favorably known property of this class in America. Their great value has been demonstrated by new and continuous discoveries of vast bodies of rich ore as the work goes on, and investors in the shares of the company are from all sections and all classes in the country.

The Tortilitas are developed, proven and working mines. The shares are in absolute security, as they are based on property worth many times what they call for. Shares are for sale in any sized lots from one share to ten thousand. There is no better or safer investment.

Receipts for $150,000 in bullion taken out of the mines during their development can be seen at the company's office.

The demand for the shares is increasing daily. They are the favorite investment everywhere with all. The Tortilita shares are not affected by Wall street panics. They are an investment security pure and simple.

The Tortilitas have lately been examined and reported upon favorably by the Tucson (Ariz.) *Star*, published within sight of the mines; the Florence (Ariz.) *Enterprise* and the Hartford *Post*. These and other leading journals have published articles pronouncing the mines worth many times more than they are capitalized for.

The sale of the stock is being conducted upon a different plan from that generally employed, the management offering the shares direct for investment in any sized lots instead of making it a stock speculation.

The Hartford *Post*, in the full page article referred to, says:

WHAT THE HARTFORD "POST" SAYS.

Just now the newspapers have a great deal to say respecting a wonderful group of twelve gold and silver mines in southern Arizona in the Owl's Head mining district, known as the Tortilita mines. As the readers of the *Post* are certain to be interested in these remarkable mines, which for some time to some are likely to be the centre of attraction for investors in mining stock, we take pleasure in presenting also facts gained from reliable sources in furtherance of the *Post's* constant purpose to place before its readers in available form every good thing which the market affords.

THE GREAT TORTILITA.

A well-known gentleman from the East, who is an expert in mining enterprises, for his own personal gratification made an examination of the Tortilita mines last month, and we are fortunately able to print his report here. We give his report in his own words:

"On arriving at the camp I inquired for the Superintendent of the mines, Mr. D. T. Elmore. I found Mr. Elmore a gentleman of about 50 years of age, a typical western man, well bronzed with the hot suns of this semi-tropical climate and the exposure resulting from thirty years' active mining life on the Pacific coast."

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT.

In reply to a question Mr. Elmore said: "I came here to take charge of this property three years ago. We have subsequently added to it by purchase and otherwise until we control all the valuable rights in this district. I have seen all the best mines in America, and worked in them, and I tell you here and now that the Tortilitas are the greatest and best of their class on the American continent."

EXPLORING THE MINES.

After a good night's rest I began a survey of the field with Mr. Elmore. We drove a mile and a half northerly to the By Chance Mine, where we found the men at work in four places. In shaft A, which is a distance of 190 feet from the south center end of the claim, ore is uncovered for a distance of several hundred feet, and in this distance, varying from 50 to 100 feet apart, are four other openings running parallel. We went down an incline for thirty feet, and there a great wall of ore and a true fissure vein was disclosed to me. From this point I went through a tunnel and was shown large bodies of ore above me. We then returned and went down fifty feet further and there measured a breast of ore forty-two and a half feet wide, from which I took samples to the mill and saw worked, yielding an average of $50 per ton. In three places on this vein below the water ore has been uncovered, and the vein shown to be four feet wide and of unknown length and depth. This demonstrates the great value of this property, for, as all mining men know, this concentration below the water level proves the permanency and value of a mine. The ore changes in character and becomes richer. I could see thousands of tons of ore in sight that only needs sufficient mill capacity to produce unlimited qualities of bullion. I saw the ore extracted from the earth, brought to the surface and turned into bullion under my own eyes.

OPINION OF THE FOREMAN.

Here I encountered the foreman under Mr. Elmore, an old, grizzled, storm-beaten, honest-visaged miner, named McGovern. Said he:

"I have worked on the Comstocks, I have been in the Silver King and other great mines. I have followed this business all my life. This is the richest property for its depth and development that I have ever seen, and you can hold me responsible for this statement—the Tortilitas will prove the best mines ever discovered on the Pacific slope. This one mine which I am now working in is worth more than a million dollars itself."

We then proceeded to the surface, and were taken to the abode of McGovern and shown the Jesse Benton mine, the sister property to the By Chance, 1,500 feet further north. This mine is considered in this section of the country even a better property than the By Chance, great as it is, on account of the large amount of ore that has been extracted and the development that has been done upon it. The ore is extremely rich, and there is a great deal of native silver. The pay streak is two and a half feet wide. This mine has a reputation second to none in this section of the country, and its product has been extraordinary.

After taking dinner at Mr. Elmore's, we drove a mile and a half southerly and examined the Red Peach, the Lazy Sleeper and the Desert mines. The two former are good mines. The Desert has a peculiar formation, from which $36,000 has been taken out, with two shafts of 100 to 160 feet, and the smoothest kind of walls. There is an unlimited quantity of profitable ore in sight and many believe this mine itself is worth the capital of the company. The Red Peach has probably a hundred tons of ore on its dump, with four shafts varying from sixty to a hundred feet deep.

The Lazy Sleeper, too, has a great deal of development upon it.

The Golden Eagle is a gold mine of fine promise, from which I saw certificates of large yields.

WONDERFUL FIGURES.

Asked what improvements were contemplated, Mr. Elmore said: "We can easily supply three twenty-stamp mills for an indefinite period on these properties. They would work 180 tons of ore per day, at an average of $50 per ton. At a low estimate this would be $9,000 per day.

'With the proper machinery this can be worked at an expense of $10 per ton, which would be $1,800 per day, leaving net per day $7,200, or for thirty days $216,000, or for a year $2,592,000, which will be over two and a half times our capital stock each year; but at first we shall start with a twenty-stamp mill, which should give us $800,000 per year net, or 80 per cent. per annum on our capital stock. I am now bending every effort toward attaining these results. We are negotiating now for hoisting works and a forty-stamp mill, and I hope soon to obtain them. Meanwhile we shall continue to run our little five-stamp mill, and develop and improve the property all in our power. I know of no investment in America that will pay as well as the shares of our company."

WORTH MANY MILLIONS.

After a week's time spent at the mines in daily examination of the work in seeing assays made, watching the battery samples and seeing the ore retorting and running into bullion and stamped, and reading certificates of $150,000 for bullion shipped to the Bank of California in the last two years, and seeing one bar of 2,400 ounces sent forward while I was there, I left impressed with the fact that the Tortilita deserved the confidence of the public, and that the management in New York had far underestimated its value in their statements. I found the property worth anywhere from $100,000,000 to $50,000,000, and possibly $10,000,000, as the Comstocks have proven to be, and have made thousands of men rich. I found the Tortilita not only a great property, but one that is managed in the best way. It has a jewel in Mr. Elmore, the superintendent, who is as honest as he is able, the essential thing that interests the stockholders after the value of the property.

I feel assured that in the near future the Tortilita mining camp will become the largest on the Pacific coast with the necessary machinery for working the mines.

Driving back to Tucson I remained there a short time, and found the Tortilita exciting more attention than any other mining property in the Territory, and there are some rich ones there. For example, the Silver King, not far distant, has paid $2,000,000 ($20 per share) in dividends from one mine alone, while the Tortilita company has twelve. The Raymat and Vikol, in another direction, have turned out millions, and made their owners rich, as have the renowned Tombstones and Quijotoa. The Tortilitas are on the tongue of everybody, and Mr. Elmore is looked for with bullion every month as regularly as the month comes round.

THE MANAGEMENT.

Before any further reference is made to the mining properties briefly described above, it will be proper to say something about the personnel of the company into whose possession these mines and their accessories have come; for the readers of the *Post* are always inquisitive concerning new acquaintances. The Tortilita Gold and Silver Mining Company has for its president Mr. Joseph H. Reall, president also of the American Agricultural and Dairy Association, and well-known among the farmers of America, an experienced business man, well-versed in financial matters, whose name is prominently mentioned for Vice-President of the United States, with Cleveland, as the representative of the agricultural interests: and Rodman M. Price, Jr., the secretary, is a well-known mining and civil engineer, who has just returned from an eight years' residence in Arizona, where he selected the Tortilitas as the best mines in the Territory. He is a worthy son of his distinguished father, ex-Governor Price.

THE PROPERTY SELF-SUSTAINING.

This property, unlike most mining enterprises inviting capital, is a producing and self-sustaining one, with a 5 stamp mill in good order, which has been running for nearly three years continually; the mill has just been furnished with newcams, dies and tappets, which puts the plant reality in as good order as when built; nine tons of ore are worked per day, while with a 20-stamp mill to be erected forty tons can be worked at but slight additional expense, and over $5,000 per day earned.

WHAT PRESIDENT REALL SAYS.

President Reall, in a recent interview, printed in the Boston *Globe*, said:

"When the former owners of the Tortilitas came to me with their properties, recommended by some of the best men in America for their personal worth, they asked me to accept the presidency of the company and raise capital to extend their work. I investigated the enterprise thoroughly, only to find that her representations were far beneath what the facts would bear, and I am getting daily proofs of the greater value of the property. When I took hold of the enterprise I determined to apply the business principles to it which I had learned by twenty years' active experience. I realized the prejudices that had to be met and the difficulties which had to be overcome. I determined to handle mining stock the same as any regular commodity—that is, to sell it on its merits for what it was worth. The public have recognized the value of the enterprise far beyond my expectations, and have shown their confidence in it to a greater extent than was ever shown before. I found investors ready for an enterprise conducted on sound business principles, and they will reap their reward. I do not know whether the stock will pay $1 or $2 per share in dividends, but I do know it is cheap at $2, the present price, and many believe it will eventually sell for ten times that figure. Three of the mines are now being operated, and either of them are demonstrated to be exceptionally rich in ore and worth far more than the entire capital stock of the company, not counting the other mines."

The final and clinching evidence in regard to these properties is found in the following from the Tucson *Star*, published near the mines, whose editor, L. C. Hughes, is a leading mining expert and personally familiar with the subject concerning which he writes. He says:

"One of the best evidences of the future of these mines is the fact that from the beginning the output of bullion has paid for every dollar's worth of development. Not a dollar expended which has not come out of the mines. And this means much, for the mines have not been operated so much to take out ore as to ascertain from prospecting the true merit of the mines. However, many thousands of dollars were expended in dead work in sinking prospect shafts, drifting, timbering and tunneling to learn the extent, richness and permanency of the ore lodes. These facts have been well determined. During these developments nearly $175,000 of bullion has been produced by these mines and under adverse conditions. A twenty or forty-stamp mill is what the district needs. With the present management and such a mill the Tortilita mining district would be the largest bullion producer in Arizona. The ore is there. The water and wood are there in abundance. Everything is favorable to the working of these mines and the production of bullion.

SURROUNDED WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS.

The fact is that Tortilita mines are surrounded with all the conditions necessary to a prosperous mining camp. Add to this the fact that the management is under D. T. Elmore, an experienced mining and mill man of twenty years in the mines and mills of the Pacific slope, especially in the mines of Nevada. Thus the company is assured against the blunders and incompetency of an inexperienced management, which has been the cause of so many mining failures all over the country. Mr. Elmore knows every detail necessary to the successful management of a mining property, which insures the best results from these mines.

Regularly every month a shipment of silver bullion has been made from these mines through the Tucson bankers to San Francisco. It is well-known that a large amount of development and prospecting has been going on, with the product of the mines paying all expenses, and the credit of the company the very best.

This group of mines contains enough of rich mineral to make a flourishing bullion camp for many years to come, with splendid returns to the fortunate owners of the magnificent property.

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From the Arizona Enterprise, Aug. 16, 1887

Pinal county is famous for the extent and permanency of its mines, many of them being wonders in their way, yielding rich returns to their fortunate owners and constantly improving with further developments. The Silver King, the Vekol, the Mammoth and the Tortilitas Gold and Silver Mining Company at the Owl Heads are each steady producers, and they stand upon their merits as brilliant examples of the successful industry—not lottery—of mining.

A representative of the *Enterprise* visited the Owl Heads this week and made a thorough examination of the mines and the camp. The bullion produced and shipped since the mill started closely approximates $175,000—a most remarkable output under the circumstances.

The increase in the capacity of the mill is a necessity that the success of the company now chiefly depends upon, for the mines are capable of supplying far more ore than such a mill can reduce.

CONCLUSION.

The shares of the Tortilita Company are being taken all over the country for investment by bankers, merchants, farmers, mechanics and laboring men and women. They can be bought now by private subscription, and those wishing to purchase will do well to send in their orders at once, as the books will soon close preparatory to calling the stock on the board. The shares can now be bought at par in any sized lots from one share to 5,000 direct from the company's office, No. 57 Broadway, New York.

It is believed that the Tortilita is one of the soundest and best mining enterprises yet brought to the attention of the public, and that those who invest in it will reap handsome returns. They are at least sure of a safe investment and good dividends.

There is but a portion of the stock for sale, and that is for the purpose of putting up the additional machinery required.—*New York Star.*

Starved Into a Verdict.

Jurymen are better off in these times than in the good old days, when it was the law to endeavor to starve them into a verdict. It is bad enough now to be put to loss of time and money, with little or inadequate recompense, without being starved or fined in the bargain.

In the early part of the reign of Henry VIII Lord Chief Justice Reed tried an action when on circuit in which the jury were locked up, but before giving their verdict had eaten and drank, which they all confessed. This being reported to the judge, he fined them each heavily and took their verdict.

In Hilary term, sixth, Henry VIII, the case came up before the full court of queen's bench on a joint motion to set aside the verdict on the ground of informality of trial the jury having eaten when they should have fasted and next remit the fines under peculiar circumstances of the case. The jury averred that they had made up their minds in the case before they ate, and had returned into court, with a verdict, but, not finding the lord chief justice who had run out to see a fray, and not knowing when he might come back they had refreshment. The court confirmed both the verdict and the fines.

In 'Dyer's Reports' a case is reported of a jury who retired to consider their verdict, and when they came back the bailiff informed the judge that some of them (which could not despose) had been feeding while locked up. Both bailiff and jury were sworn, and the pocket of the latter were examined, when it appeared that they all had about them 'pippins,' of which some of them confessed they had eaten, and others said they had not. All were severely reprimanded, and those who had eaten were fined twelve shillings each and those who had not eaten were fined six shillings each for that they had them in their pockets.—All the Year Round.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

The Mexican and His Lottery.

The Mexican is patient; he scans the lottery sheets announcing the drawings, and, if his ticket has drawn nothing, he lights a fresh cigarette and buys a fresh ticket. This morning my opposite neighbor in a horse car was a tired looking old woman who had evidently seen better days. She smiled thoughtfully to herself, and, after fidgeting about for a few minutes, furtively drew from her pocket a lottery ticket which evidently had drawn something, for she rode on as near as she could to go to the office where the money is paid over to the winners.

Everybody buys these little flimsy tickets, printed on paper so thin that a summer zephyr would easily blow them a mile. The stout priest in the corner of the street car takes out a ticket that he has just bought, and looking at it scrutinizingly, puts it aside in a long pocketbook, as if it were a share in some promising venture. Your servants buy tickets, and the beggar who exorts a real from you will hurry around the corner, not to buy a drink, but, rather a ticket in the great daily wheel turning show, the one business that never stops, is always flourishing and which pays salaries year in and year out to its employes.

Natural History and a Story.

The horse's hoof is strong enough to resist the hardest road and yet is so sensitive as to be an organ of touch. The following narrative written by John Bellows, a Quaker and the author of a valuable French dictionary, proves and illustrates this apparently incredible fact. Friend Bellows says:

When my father was quite a little child he frightened his mother by running across the street in front of their house and tripping up exactly in front of a team of horses drawing a heavy wagon.

"As he fell, the leader horse set his great hoof on the child's head, and his mother expected to pick him up dead.

"But no! He used to say that all his life afterwards he kept up distinct remembrance of the soft and gentle touch of the horse's hoot pressing him to the ground 'like a sponge' and holding him there until his mother relieved him.

"The horse had pulled up in the twinkling of an eye, and brought the rest of the team to a stand-still. But he seemed to know that the child was safe lying still, and there he kept him.'

—John have you seen that woman lately?

John, in astonishment: What woman?

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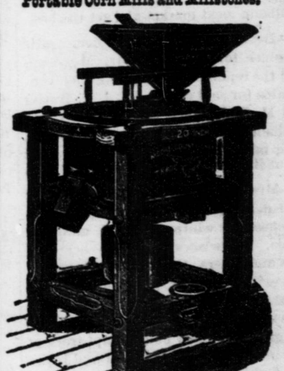

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