

Discovery and Romance of the Bullion-Beck Mine.

It was in March in the year 1870. The mountains of Juab county were dressed in a mantle of white. John Beck was then a resident of Lehi, a small settlement situated in the northern part of Utah county. He was a native of Germany; young, filled to overflowing with energy, and his ambition was to make his mark in the world—become a man of wealth and influence in the country of his adoption. But things had not been going very well with him.

He landed in Utah in 1864, and the following spring went to settle in Sevier county, but had not much more than landed there when the Black Hawk Indian war broke out, when he dropped the hoe to join in fighting the savages. He had managed to obtain some land near Richfield, but later abandoned it, and found his way back to Lehi, where he secured a job at herding sheep. The wage paid him was low, but the work better than nothing, and he took what he could get.

IN SEARCH OF WEALTH.
The news that mineral had been found in Juab county, about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City, opened an opportunity for him and he gave up his herd to search for gold. He went to his cousin, Gottlieb Beck, to whom he repeated the stories which had come from the south, so they decided to risk up an outfit of two teams and put out for the new El Dorado. The weather was intensely cold, and the roads were none too good for traveling, but the fortune hunters were undaunted, and proposed to reach the new-found mining camp, no matter what hardships they might be subjected to. They were ready to endure almost any inconvenience for the sake of getting in before the rush. Notwithstanding means of communication were crude in those days, the news spread rapidly and some of the "adventure guard" had already gone to the scene of the new discoveries.

BOTH WERE TENDERFEET.
Neither John Beck, nor his relative knew very much about mining. They were tenderfeet in the true sense of the word, though they had consulted the log book enough to find out how to make a valid location. This much insight into the mining business gave them confidence, but their knowledge of mineralogy was painfully and distressingly lacking.

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IN THE "NEW CAMP."
Just how the news first reached Lehi that ore had been found in the Tintic mountains has never been clearly understood. But that is immaterial. The fact remains, no one was quicker to find it out than the young volunteer of the Black Hawk war, who kept his eyes peeled, ever to the south, in the cousin. The two hastened to get ready and started out, overtaking Bishop Harrison Sperry and a man named Homer Brown, both of Salt Lake, at a point near the present location of the town of Goshute. The three exchanged courtesies and journeyed the balance of the distance together, arriving at a point just below the present location of the Mammoth

mine, late in the afternoon, where they established a camp.
During the night about a foot of fresh snow fell, when they awoke in the morning to survey the situation, the outlook was anything but promising. If a country ever looked bleak and disappointing, this new-found mining camp certainly did on the dawn of that day, when the men were compelled to stamp the ground with their feet and pound their fingers in order to keep up normal blood circulation. Mr. Beck's companion, it is narrated, wanted to go straight back home where he could hug the warm side of a heating stove, as this mid-winter life of a prospector did not make a hit with him and it was only after a lot of persistent coaxing that he was induced to stay long enough to give Beck a chance to look the district over as best he could with the surface hidden from view by snow.

MR. BECK'S STORY.
To a "News" representative a few days ago, Mr. Beck related some of the experiences which have connected his name with early Tintic history. The first discovery of mineral in the camp, he states, was made on what was known then as the Sunbeam claim, but the property never won the honor of being the first shipper of ore. This distinction went to the Crisman brothers, George and Charles, who made the original Mammoth location, and which for a long time prior to the organization of the Mammoth Mining company was known as the Crisman-Mammoth mine.

The initial shipment was brought in to the Salt Lake valley for treatment at a crude smelting plant erected near Sandy. The Mammoth is still one of Tintic's most important producers and divided payers, and it will likely continue to be so for a long time to come.

SOME EARLY CLAIMS.
Just preceding the landing of the Beck party in camp, a Major Harmon arrived and had made some localities over on the south, so they decided to risk up an outfit of two teams and put out for the new El Dorado. The weather was intensely cold, and the roads were none too good for traveling, but the fortune hunters were undaunted, and proposed to reach the new-found mining camp, no matter what hardships they might be subjected to. They were ready to endure almost any inconvenience for the sake of getting in before the rush. Notwithstanding means of communication were crude in those days, the news spread rapidly and some of the "adventure guard" had already gone to the scene of the new discoveries.

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WHERE SNOW WAS DEEP.
Alta was then, as it is now, a great place for deep snow and heavy storms in winter. Snowslides during this period are at all times prevalent, but perhaps never have they been of so common occurrence as during this particular year. In spite of the difficulties of the trip, however, Beck managed to see his men, and eventually completed arrangements whereby they agreed to work the Tintic claims and sink a shaft to a depth of 100 feet for a one-half interest. The return journey was commenced at once, and Beck and his two men then prepared to commence work in earnest on the property.

NO EUREKA THEN.
Eureka at that time had not even a name. There was not a house within miles of the present site of the town, and a rougher wilder piece of country than the Tintic district at that time would be difficult to find. Work continued steadily for some little time but the early results were not altogether favorable, and it was not long before Mr. Beck's two associates became dissatisfied with their bargain. A new arrangement was then entered into whereby the men were to be paid cash for their work, and after this things went smoother for awhile.

About this time Mr. Beck began the construction of a house, largely of logs, which when completed was the first one in the district where the town of Eureka now stands.
THE BULLION CLAIMS.
With all his work of developing his claims, he still found time to do a little prospecting, and one day while engaged in this way he came upon a huge boulder of pegmatite and formation, which immediately attracted his attention. Not far from this rock a party of prospectors had pitched their camp and the men were in the habit of using the great stone for a table, its peculiar shape making it particularly suited to this purpose. It was with no thought of the dining room advantages of the stone, however, that Mr. Beck began his examination. His practiced eye had already discovered signs of mineral riches, and one day when the party of prospectors returned to camp after a hard day's work they were surprised to find a notice of location affixed to their erstwhile table.

The location consisted of three claims known as the Bullion, the Beck and the Champion, and these three claims formed the original holdings of the company now known as the Bullion Beck & Champion Mining company.

LAWRENCE GETS CONTROL.
So far so good, but all was not so good as smoothly as might have been supposed. Just about this time a movement was begun looking to the consolidation of those claims first owned by Beck and others, which at this time are a part of the property of the Eureka Hill Mining company. The prime mover in this was one John Lawrence, a man of some means, and who later loaned the new organization \$50,000, charging them 2 per cent a month interest on the same, taking a mortgage on the property as security. The property failed to come up to expectations, however,

and later an assessment of \$5 per share was levied. Lawrence in addition to his mortgage, also owned a considerable block of stock and on account of the inability of some of the stockholders, Beck among them, to raise the necessary sum to meet this assessment he was enabled to obtain control of the mine.

THE BULLION-BECK.
Beck now determined to devote his entire attention to the development of the Bullion-Beck and Champion claims, and as a preliminary step, began the organization of the company which, with some changes, has ever since held possession of the properties. This was accomplished with little difficulty, but trouble of a new kind now began to make itself felt. The prospectors who had originally been in possession of a part of the property, although they had no legal right of any kind, one day filed a notice of location within 25 feet of the stone which held Beck's original notice, and within his boundaries, for many months all kinds of schemes and tricks were resorted to by them in an endeavor to oust Beck.

RECORDS WERE "DOCTORED."
This necessitated a number of trips to the recorder's office, during one of which it was discovered that the books had been altered to permit of the new filing. Still further litigation followed, but during all this time work on the property was progressing steadily, under Beck's management. The falsifying of the books, however, proved the last straw, and Beck decided to call a mass meeting of the miners in the district and lay before them the entire case. This was done, and as a result a committee was appointed to make an investigation and a few days later reported the charges against the recorders to be borne out by the facts. A resolution was presented severely censuring that individual, and protesting against such methods of mining as were found to have been followed. Threats of lynching were freely indulged in, which had the effect of ending for good and all any further attempt towards tampering with the records.

EXCITEMENT IN CAMP.
About this time news of the finding of fabulously rich ore on the east side of Eureka hill began to create much excitement. The original discoveries were made by a fellow countryman and a friend of Beck's, on Beck's own ground, but without saying anything to Beck, the man started straight for Salt Lake, where, it was believed at the time, he told practically everybody in sight.
The news precipitated a wild rush for the scene of the excitement. Beck was away from the camp at the time and upon his return it was to find his house torn to pieces to provide counters, shelves and other equipment for a saloon. New buildings of all kinds of materials had been built, and everything was in a state of mad confusion.

LOCATIONS EVERYWHERE.
Locations were made promiscuously all over the entire district, and claim jumping and its attendant evils became a curse to the community. It was at this time that so many of the claim owners decided to throw in their lots for the purpose of mutual protection with the Eureka Hill company, and a number of suits were instituted and carried to a successful conclusion. All this cost money, however, and misplaced confidence in a friend, a demand assessment levied by the com-

pany and the funds provided for its payment used by the friend in other ways, spell the cause of Beck's being compelled to let go his interest in the Eureka Hill.

WEALTH IN VIEW.
The Bullion Beck mine now began to show signs of richness which in later years was destined to make it one of the foremost producers of the district. Mr. Beck's finances just about this time appear to have been at a rather low ebb, and this fact taken in conjunction with the knowledge of the way the ground was turning out, probably had a very considerable bearing on the prolonged litigation which was now begun. The discovery of a rich pocket of ore netting Beck \$75,000 appears to have been the signal for the commencement of hostilities.

The claims comprised in the Eureka Hill mine were older by one month than Beck's, and this fact seems to have been seized upon as a pretext to begin a contest on the ground that both properties were one and the same mine, and by priority of location the whole thing belonged to the Eureka Hill.

A BOLD STROKE.
A suit along these lines was immediately instituted against Beck, and pending the hearing of this his enemies racked their brains to devise new methods of annoying him. Finally the idea of running a crosscut from the Eureka Hill to tap the ore bodies of the Bullion Beck was hit upon, and the scheme was immediately put into execution. The first intimation the Beck people had of the state of affairs came in the shape of a notification to Beck to take his men out of his own workings so that the final shot which would establish communication between the two mines could be fired without danger to life and limb. Discrepancy appears to have been regarded as the better part of valor about that time, and the wall separating the two properties was soon leveled and the Beck tunnel swarmed with the miners of the opposing faction.

WORKMEN TO THE RESCUE.
But just when things were at their blackest, help and encouragement were forthcoming from an entirely unexpected quarter. All his life John Beck was known as a man who was good to his men. He interested himself in their welfare and encouraged them to tread the straight road of all that makes for decency and respectability. He provided schools for their children and paid the cost out of his own pocket, and it was to these men that he became indebted for the ready assistance and rough sympathy which perhaps more than anything else made it possible for him to continue the struggle through the period of black depression which followed.

The majority of Beck's new allies were Irishmen, many of them of a class who would a little rather fight than eat, and here was an opportunity for the fight of their lives. Denis Sullivan, a man first and an Irishman afterwards, and for 15 years in the employ of Beck, was the leader of the forces, and for weeks one of the bitterest struggles was carried on.

BECK LOSES DECISION.
Right when the trouble was at its height the court announced its decision in favor of the Eureka Hill company, granting immediate possession to the latter. There seemed nothing to do but

retire as gracefully as possible, but John Beck was made of sterner stuff and notice of appeal was immediately filed, followed in due time by the appeal.
Again the fight raged in all its bitterness, leaving its mark on every hand. The Eureka crosscut being considerably higher than the Beck workings at the point of contact acted as a huge chimney or air shaft, and the Beck men were not slow to grasp the possibilities of the fact.

While in possession of their own property mining was carried on steadily, the gas and smoke from burning "giant" escaping by way of the Eureka-Hill in a manner which eventually made necessary a separate appeal to the courts for relief on this head.

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES.
About this time a suspension of hostilities appears to have been mutually agreed upon, and after considerably delay an offer of settlement was made and considered, the entire question was thrashed out in all its details and eventually an agreement was entered into and peace declared; a peace which has lasted clear to the present time. But to this day the Eureka Hill tunnel which at one time tapped the Beck workings is as black as any chimney from smoke as a result of the war.

ATTRACTED WIDE ATTENTION.
The trial which preceded the final settlement of the trouble attracted much attention in mining circles throughout the entire western country, and was generally regarded as one of the most important of the kind which took place during the period, embodying, as it did, so many technical points relating to geology.
Expert evidence was introduced by both sides in an effort to substantiate their claims. The laws of rock and mineral formation were gone into in elaborate detail and a wealth of minute information amazing in scope and variety was the result. The evidence took up 2,000 pages in two volumes and was widely distributed and eagerly sought. The trial lasted 12 weeks, and an incident of it was the theft of some of the court records from an Oregon Short Line train which had been entrusted to the keeping of the court reporter.

THE PEACE SETTLEMENT.
By the terms of the agreement entered into between the two companies, perpendicular side lines were to divide the properties. According to the ore bodies this gave the Beck interests, roughly speaking, everything below a depth of 400 feet and the Eureka Hill company everything down to a depth of 400 feet. The trial had the effect of drawing the eyes of the world to both properties, and after this the development of each was rapid for some time.

SALE AND REPURCHASE.
John Beck was in control of the famous Tintic producer for a little more than 32 years, and during the administration of his life yielded considerably more than \$2,000,000 in dividends. Just before his departure for Europe, he sold enough of his stock to John Taylor to put him in the minority, but upon his return he purchased this stock back again. Mr. Taylor had died during his absence abroad and he paid the estate \$250,000.

A FATAL LOAN.
Not long after a financial panic overwhelmed the country, Beck be-

came involved and secured a loan from James A. Cunningham, who afterwards obtained a bill of sale of the Beck interests and retained it through a decree of court.

THE MINE TODAY.
A few years later a control of the mine passed to Philo T. Farnsworth, who is now manager. After a lapse of years, it entered the dividend paying era again last month and late developments indicate that this practice will continue for an indefinite time. With the development of the ore bodies at depth it is believed the property is destined to enjoy a long era of prosperity.

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