

UTAH'S NEW GOLD CAMP.

The Johannesburg of America and Its Three Great Golden Blankets.

The Mines of Mercur and Their Vast Quantities of Low Grade Ore—How Some Notorious Made Millions—The Wonderful Extent of the Mercur District and Its Enormous Possibilities—A Ride Over the Shortest Standard Gauge Railroad of the World—Down the Mountain on an Ore Car and Other Matter About a Gold Region Which is Like No Other on Earth.

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And of this district it is now said to contain more than enough gold to pay the national debt. I have gone through the mine which has already produced more than a million dollars' worth of gold, and which has paid to its stockholders a half million dollars in dividends. Other mines have been opened which have gold ore in sight of an estimated value of \$200,000,000. It is only a few years ago that the district was a barren waste, and now it is a scene of activity and progress. The new camp is now being developed within three hours by rail of Salt Lake City. It is only thirty miles away as the crow flies, and its treasures have been laid bare within a distance of one of the liveliest centers of the west.

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They said that there was gold in the rock they could not get in. They wanted thousands of dollars in trying to make the ore pay for itself, but failed. Then they tried the cyanide process and again failed. The rock when returned to the mercury furnace was found to be the solution of cyanide and water would not penetrate through it. At last it was discovered that the rock was not in fact a mass of gold, but that the gold was in the form of small particles of gold ore, and that the cyanide process would not penetrate through it. At last it was discovered that the rock was not in fact a mass of gold, but that the gold was in the form of small particles of gold ore, and that the cyanide process would not penetrate through it.

Think of riding down through silver mountains for a mile and a half. It is not the way that we came from Mercur to the Utah valley. Our party consisted of Mr. J. H. Deane, the owner of the Mercur mine, Mr. H. H. Deane, the owner of the Mercur mine, Mr. H. H. Deane, the owner of the Mercur mine, Mr. H. H. Deane, the owner of the Mercur mine.

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