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Miracles may happen--we read about them--but the only way that we can bring about a normal condition, and bring it about quickly, is in development of more of our natural resources where such resources are to be found,--where Mother Nature has placed the ear marks of such resources, and as soon as more attention is paid to this particular thing, the quicker we will be out of all of the "alphabet soup" now in use.

A volume can be written on the possibilities, or natural resources of this locality, which extends quite a distance north, south, east and west, but I am just going to restrict myself to a few of the more specifically known places where gold and silver can be produced, and where, following conditions on the surface, mines can be developed.

The mineralized zone of Leadville can be seen as far north as Jefferson, on the Colorado and Southern. Three or four miles south of Jefferson, up where the eagles build their nests, the country is full of fissures, going toward Summit county and into Summit county, with very good gold and silver values right at the surface, and they embrace quite an area east and west of that point. The general direction of this showing is in a north and south direction with but very few exceptions. Unless the gold and silver falls from the sky with rain or snow, those indications must mean something at depth, and this applies to Summit county including the Montezuma district, and the rest of Summit county.

Millions have been produced by dredging in that county for the past fifty or sixty years, but nobody has yet looked for a lode mine, where the source of the gold is. I have seen gold nuggets from the various placer ventures of Summit county as big as one's fist, and still no mine has been opened where the real source of this gold may be expected.

Southeast is the London district, with quite a few mines opened and producing very satisfactorily, production running into the millions. That district, with the exception of one mine, has only been coming to the front during the past three or four years, and I presume that \$35 gold is what brought about the intense development of that region.

Coming south and west from there, we have the towns of Frisco, Kokomo, and Robinson, where just enough work has been done to show that they are highly mineralized districts. They have produced, in their early history, quite a few mines of real importance, enough to show that where real development was done, a mine could be produced. Those districts are open, and there is enough showing there right today to show that a good many mines might be produced. One of these is under development in Kokomo at the present time.

Coming further south from these points, we find practically the same showing north and south of Climax, as well as east and west. Considerable fissures show here, and there. From the Arkansas west to Tennessee Pass and from Tennessee Pass following the Sagusache range there are very good values right at the surface. This is also true of Gold Park, south of Red Cliff, and other points in this area.

East and southeast of the Climax molybdenum property, over on Mesquite range, there is practically the same showing on the surface, but very, very little work has been done.

These conditions are more or less continuous into Chaffee county and unquestionably if a little development work is done in the right places, gold and silver mines will be produced. The Sagauche range, with all the porphyry dykes sticking out here and there, and with veins of high values of gold and silver running parallel, are there waiting to be developed. The same thing applies to the east side of the Arkansas valley, and extending south to Granite and further.

Forth-three years of tramping thru the rocks of this district has given me first-hand knowledge of these conditions, undeniable and indisputable. I am convinced that if some of the money which is now being spent under these various alphabetical denominations was spent to build trails and improve roads where there are undeveloped resources situated, thruout these various districts, above mentioned, it would greatly accelerate the development of the tremendous possibilities.

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