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CORTEZ "SILVER LEAD ANTIMONY MINE" BY L.G. HIGH

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I HAVE GLEANED MOST OF MY INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THIS FAMOUS OLD MINE FROM OLD TIMERS WHO HAVE PASSED OVER THE GREAT DIVIDE, OTHER FACTS I GATHERED FROM PROSPECTING THE SURFACE AND HAVE BEEN IN MOST OF THE WORKINGS UNDERGROUND, SOME OF THE TUNNELS ARE CAVED IN TODAY

THERE ARE TWO STORIES THAT I HEARD IN REGARD TO THE BIRTH OF CORTEZ, NEVADA. ONE WAS THAT SIMEON WENBAN AND THREE PARTNERS STARTED FROM AUSTIN TO PROSPECT AROUND MOUNT TENABO, THE OTHER STORY WHICH IS PROBABLY CORRECT WAS TOLD TO ME BY JACK SCOTT WHO HAS MINING CLAIMS IN MILL CANYON WHICH HEADS IN NORTH OF MT. TENABO (DEVIL MOUNTAIN). JACK CAME TO NEVADA ON ADVICE FROM EASTERN DOCTORS THAT HE CHANGE CLIMATES OR GROAK, HE IS STILL WITH US TODAY BUT IN POOR HEALTH. FOLKS SAY HE WAS A VERY GOOD SINGER IN HIS YOUNG DAYS. THE STORY THAT HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD HEARD WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT SIMEON WENBAN CAME TO MILL CANYON IN 1854 DRIVING AN OX TEAM. I SUPPOSE HE HAD A WIFE WITH HIM AND PERHAPS TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE OF THESE DAUGHTERS LATER MARRIED JOE DEAN WHO ONCE OWNED THE "J.D." RANCH IN PINE VALLEY, ALSO THE HORSE RANCH ON HORSE CREEK ON THE EAST SIDE OF MT. TENABO. LATER DEAN SOLD THE "J.D." AND SETTLED ON WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "DEAN RANCH" IN CRESENT VALLEY 22 MILES SOUTH OF BEOWAWE. WHEN CORTEZ WAS RUNNING FULL BLAST HE RUN A STAGE LINE AND SOLD MULES AND HORSES TO PACKERS AND WOOD HAULERS IN CORTEZ. THE OTHER WENBAN GIRL LATER MARRIED MR. MILLS. BUZZY MILLS WAS A SON OF THIS UNION. JOE DEAN AND WIFE HAD TWO GIRLS, FLORA MARRIED MAGEE AND THEY BOUGHT THE BIG GRASS VALLEY RANCH IN GRASS VALLEY, LATER SHE MARRIED HOBART. THEY HAD ONE SON, RICHARD "DICK", WHO NOW HAS THE SAME GRASS VALLEY RANCH. THE OTHER DAUGHTER "STHEL" MARRIED MR. HUSSY AND LIVED IN CALIFORNIA

IT WAS TOLD THAT WENBAN OPERATED A THREE STAMP MILL IN MILL CANYON AND USED QUICKSILVER TO RECOVER THE GOLD AND SILVER ON PLATES. THERE WAS QUITE A SETTLEMENT IN MILL CANYON, SHULTES HAD A STORE AND RICH MINE, THERE WAS PLENTY WATER, WOOD AND DEER, THERE WERE MANY MINING CLAIMS AND CONSIDERABLE ORE WAS SHIPPED. MINES THERE HAVE OPERATED NOW AND THEN EVER SINCE, A FLOTATION<sup>mill</sup> WAS BUILT BY THE ROBERTS MINING CO. JIM GREENAN



CHANGED THE FLOTATION MILL TO A CYANIDE PROCESS TO MILL THE ORE FROM THE ENMA E IN ABOUT 1929, THE FLOTATION MILL WAS A FAILURE AS IT FLOATED TOO MUCH IRON FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE GOLD IT CONTAINED, ALLEN RUSSELL NOW HAS MOST OF THE MILL CANYON CLAIMS AND THE STANDARD SLAG CO. IS INTERESTED IN PART OF THEM AND THEY ARE DRILLING FOR ORE AND CUTTING IN ROADS, THE SHULTES CLAIMS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN SOLD

ACCORDING TO ONE STORY HANDER DOWN, MR. WENBAN STARTED FOR EUREKA AND AT THE HEAD OF CORTEZ CANYON HE FOUND A SETTLEMENT OF MEXICANS WHO WERE PICKING UP FLOAT SILVER ORE IN THE FOREST AND WERE SORTING IT AND SHIPPING TO THE SMELTER, FURTHER UP THE CANYON THERE WAS A SPRING WHERE HE LATER BUILT A HOUSE AND HAD FINE LAWNS AND STABLES FOR HORSES, WENBAN FOLLOWED THE FLOAT ORE UP TO THE SAINT LOUIS MINE, AS HE NAMED IT, THIS FLOAT HAD BEEN WASHED DOWN FROM MOUNT TENABO FOR A DISTANCE OF 2½ TO 3 MILES, THE MEXES CHLORIDED THE ORE, TAKING THE HIGHGRADE AND LEAVING THE LEAN ORE, ROCK THAT HAD TOO MUCH QUARTZ WAS HAMMERED OFF AND DISCARDED, THE SAINT LOUIS MINE WAS A LARGE CHAMBER AND WAS MINED BY HAND DRILLS AND SINGLE JACKS, IT ASSAYED 4000 OZS. TO THE TON IN SILVER, AND SOME WAS SHIPPED TO SWANSEA WALES ENGLAND TO BE SMELTED, IT CAME IN THE FORMS OF A CHLORIDE AND BROMITE, SOME WAS YELLOW, PURPLE, BLUE, GREEN AND BLACK AND SILVER AT THAT TIME WAS WORTH \$ 1.29 PER OZ, OR WAS FIGURED AT 16 TO 1, 16 OZS OF SILVER WAS WORTH ONE OZ. OF GOLD, TODAY IT IS ABOUT 39 TO 1. THE MINERS FOLLOWED THE ORE DOWN AND LATER WAS CONNECTED WITH THE POLAR TUNNEL RUN FROM THE GARRISON TUNNEL A MILE SOUTH, THIS POLAR TUNNEL COST \$350,000, MAURICE ISAAC SAID THAT IN DRIVING THIS TUNNEL THAT THEY ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL STREAKS OF ORE COMING INTO THE ROOF BUT WAS TOLD BY WENBAN TO KEEP ON A GOING NORTH AS THE VEINS HAD TOO MUCH LEAD WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS WORTH ONLY 4¢ AN LB. SO TODAY THAT LEAN SILVER COUNTRY IS STILL THERE YET, THE POLAR TAPPED THE SAINT LOUIS AND WAS DRIVEN NORTH TO THE IDAHO WHICH WAS USED TO TRAM OUT THE WASTE ORE, NO 5 TUNNEL WAS DRIVEN ½ MILE FROM THE GARRISON TO TAKE THE MULES IN FOR TRAMING AS THEY COULDN'T BE TAKEN IN IN THE GARRISON, IT BEING LOWER



THAN THE POLAR AND WAS CONNECTED BY AN INCLINE RAISE FROM THE GARRISON TO THE POLAR, SOME OF THIS SAINT LOUIS ORE WAS SENT BY MULE BACK 68 MILES TO AUSTIN TO BE SMELTED, EVIDENTLY WENBAN INTENDED TO DRIVE A TUNNEL EAST TO TAP A BLOWOUT ON A NORTH-SOUTH VEIN ABOUT  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE AWAY, AND ALSO TO DRIVE A TUNNEL NORTH-EAST TO CROSS CUT THE CONTACT EAST AND WEST FISSURE VEIN, HOWEVER, BY THIS TIME CLAIMS ALONG THE CONTACT WERE TAKEN BY OTHERS, THIS CONTACT WAS GRANITE, WATER QUARTZ, QUARTZITE, DOLOMITE LIME AND LIMESTONE, A PERFECT SETUP FOR A MINE AND IS TODAY AS ONLY SHALLOW WORK HAS BEEN DONE WHERE RICH ORE WAS REMOVED AND PACKED BY MULE DOWN MILL CANYON, THE EAGLE PASS MINE WAS ON THE CONTACT ORE REMOVED FROM A RICH QUARTZ VEIN AND ONLY 65 FEET DEEP, ORE IS SCATTERED ALL OVER BELOW AND AROUND, SOME LARGE CRACKS ON THAT MOUNTAIN ARE HELD OPEN BY PINE LOGS AND THERE ARE SEVERAL OUTCROPPINGS ON THE SURFACE THAT LITTLE WORK HAS BEEN DONE, SOME IS ANTIMONY AND SILVER, ORE HAD TO ASSAY OVER \$300. PER TON OR IT WAS CONSIDERED WASTE.

AFTER WENBAN HAD DUG OUT THE SAINT LOUIS MINE BY HAND DRILL AND CRUDE METHODS HE CAME BACK SOUTH OVER A MILE AND SUNK 285 FEET ON A BLOWOUT WHICH IS ABOVE WHAT IS NOW THE GARRISON OR NO. 1 TUNNEL, BELIEVING IT WAS A GOOD LEAD TO AN ORE BODY HE WENT BELOW AND STARTED NO 1 TUNNEL, HE HAD TO MAKE AN EXPENSIVE ROAD TO IT CONTAINING STEEP GRADES, LEVEL OFF A PLACE, MAKE A BLACKSMITH SHOP AND OTHER BUILDINGS THEN IMPORT A LARGE COMPRESSOR, HE ALSO HAD TO BUILD COOK AND BUNK HOUSES AND TIMBER UP THE TUNNEL THRU DIRT AND LIMESTONE ENCOUNTERING DANGEROUS PORPHYRY, AFTER DRIFTING EAST A LONG DISTANCE AND CAME TO THE POINT WHERE THE ORE SHOULD BE, WHICH WAS DIRECTLY UNDER THE BLOWOUT AND SUNKEN SHAFT" THERE WAS NO ORE IN SIGHT", NOW ABOUT THAT TIME HE WAS FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED, HE HAD GAMBLED HIS SAINT LOUIS STAKE AND LOST, WELL, NOT QUITE, HE HAD SOME CHINAMEN WORKING FOR HIM WHO ALSO WAS SURE WENBAN WAS RIGHT, SO HE AND A COUPLE CHINAMEN WENT TO FRISCO AND TOOK THEIR TROUBLE TO A RICH CHINAMEN, HE LOANED WENBAN A BUNDLE OF MONEY, I SUPPOSE 15 OR 20 THOUSAND BUCKS TO CONTINUE THE TUNNEL AND WENBAN PROMISED TO WORK MANY CHINAMEN WHICH HE HERE AFTER DID, HE NOW DROVE NO. 1 A FEW HUNDRED FEET EAST AND PICKED UP THE VEIN



UNDER THE QUARTZITE, 'EUREKA', NOW IT SEEMS THAT HE HAD SOLD MINING STOCK IN ENGLAND, IN ENGLAND STOCK IS LIMITED SO IT CAN'T BE ASSESSED LIKE IT CAN BE IN AMERICA, ALSO THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO HAD MINING CLAIMS NEARBY, BY THIS TIME JOE DEAN HAD MARRIED ONE OF HIS DAUGHTERS AND WAS SELLING MULES AND HORSES TO PACKERS AND TEAMSTERS AND FURNISHING BEEF AND HAY TO CORTEZ, SO WENBAN SENT JOE TO ENGLAND TO BUY UP ALL THE STOCK HE COULD, AND THEN HE OPENED UP THE HUGE CHAMBER OF ORE IN CHINA BASIN, THIS ORE ASSAYED 500 TO 3000 OZS. TO THE TON AT \$ 1.29 AN OZ, HE BOUGHT PEOPLE WHO HAD CLAIMS AND FORMED THE COMPANY OF THE TENABO MINING AND MILLING CO. GEORGE HEARST WAS ONE OF THE COMPANY, THERE WERE 65 CLAIMS AND LATER HE HAD 37 CLAIMS PATENTED AND STILL LATER HE HAD ALL THESE CLAIMS CONNECTED SO WORK COULD BE DONE ON ONE OR SEVERAL TO COVER ASSESSMENT WORK, TODAY THERE ARE 45 CLAIMS, 8 STILL UNPATENTED

IN ABOUT 1871 WITH PLENTY OF RICH ORE IN SIGHT AND ON THE DUMP THE COMPANY BUILT A STONE-BRICK CHLORINATING MILL, OFFICE, MACHINE SHOP, SMELTER, STORE, SALOON AND OTHER BUILDINGS, THE MILL WAS RUN BY A WOOD BURNING PORCUPINE ENGINE, THEY HAD BOLLS TO CRUSH THE ORE AND ROTATING FURNACES TO ROAST THE ORE WITH SALT AND LIME BEFORE DUMPING IT INTO THE HUGE FURNACE, THIS CHANGED THE OXIDIZED QUARTZ SILVER INTO A CHLORIDE FORM, THE FURNACE BURNED CHARCOAL MADE IN THE WOODS TO THE NORTH, LIME WAS OBTAINED FROM LIMESTONE NEARBY AND A LIMESTONE KILN ABOVE MILL, WATER WAS PIPED 7 MILES FROM WENBAN SPRINGS AND CAME BY GRAVITY ABOVE MILL, ALSO FURNISHED THE TOWN BELOW AND WAS PUMPED TO NO. 1, THERE WAS ALSO A TANK IN POVERTY GULCH SOUTH OF TOWN, ANOTHER SPRING WEST OF HERE WAS PIPED TO BARNS WEST OF TOWN, SALT WAS GATHERED FROM THE SALT MARSH 20 MILES SOUTH, CHINAMEN GOT \$1.50 PER DAY, MILL MEN GOT \$2.50 FOR 12 HRS, MR. SPENCER OF THE GRASS VALLEY RANCH BROUGHT IN HAY, BEEF, SALT AND GRAIN, JOE DEAN RAN THE MAIL LINE AND LONG LINE TEAMS WITH SUPPLIES, SOME OF THE RICHER ORE WAS SMELTED IN SMALLER SMELTERS, THERE WERE OVER 200 PACK ANIMALS TO PACK GRUB, WATER, WOOD, CHARCOAL AND STEEL, ANIMALS WERE TURNED LOOSE AT NIGHT AND ROUNDED UP IN THE MORNING, THERE WERE 600 PEOPLE IN CORTEZ, WOOD CUTTERS GOT



TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF FOR CORD WOOD, BRICK FOR THE MILL AND TALL SMOKE STACK WERE HAND MADE IN MOULDS NEAR WENBAN SPRING, LIMESTONE ROCK FOR MASON WORK AND FOR LIME MAKING WAS MINED ABOVE THE NEW MILL SITE, THERE WERE SEVERAL SETTLEMENTS NEAR HERE, UP IN THE ARCTIC CANYON, DOWN CORTEZ CANYON, UP ABOVE IN THE OLD CRATER, POVERTY GULCH, WHERE NOW IS TAIL PILES WAS CHINA TOWN WHERE THERE WERE SALOONS, GAMBLING DENS AND BORDELLOS, HOMES WERE MADE BY THE CHINESE UNDER NO. 1, AT THE SHARP TURN OF THE RAILROAD, ALSO ON NO. 1, DUMP WHICH INCLUDED A JOSS HOUSE, THERE WERE LOG HOUSES WAY UP ABOVE THE QUARTZITE LEDGES AND MAHOGANY WOOD WAS CUT ABOVE LEDGES AND PACKED DOWN BY MULES, MOST OF THE ORE OF THE EAGLE PASS MINE BELONGING TO FRANK LEONARD WAS PACKED DOWN TO MILL CANYON AND SHIPPED, SEVERAL PEOPLE STILL OWN SHALLOW WORKINGS ALONG THE CONTACT, TAKING ALL THINGS IN CONSIDERATION, CORTEZ HAS BEEN THE BEST MINE THAT WAS EVER FOUND AND STILL IS ACCORDING TO MY ESTIMATION, THE MINE GOOD AIR, NO WET GROUND, RICH <sup>ONE</sup> PREVAILED EVERYWHERE, GOOD SPRING WATER, PLENTY WATER FOR MILLING, TIMBER FOR CHARCOAL MAKING, FREE WOOD, BRICK, MATERIAL AND PLENTY OUTCROPPINGS AND MOSTLY TURNING INTO SIZEABLE ORE BODIES, THEY ARE STILL HERE HARDLY EXPLORED, COMPANIES AND LEASERS HAVE MINED HERE OFF AND ON FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS AND HAVE HARDLY SCRATCHED THE SURFACE YET EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS AROUND NO. 1, OTHER WORKINGS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BECAUSE THE ORE ONLY GOES 40 TO 80 OZS. TODAY THAT ORE, SOME OF IT ALREADY MINED IS CONSIDERED RICH MILLING ORE, THE TAILS STILL HAVE \$ 400,000 IN SILVER IN IT, THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE THERE IS SO MUCH VALUABLE ORE LAYS ON THE GROUND ALREADY MINED AND UNMOVED, WHY ?? TIMES HAVE CHANGED, LATELY THIS HAS BEEN A STOCK PROPOSITION AND NOT BENEFICIAL TO THE STOCKHOLDERS, IN MINE FOREMEN AND THE SUPERINTENDENTS ALSO LEASERS AREN'T INTERESTED IN CLIMBING STEEP GRADES TO FIND ORE LIKE THE OLD TIMERS WERE, ANY PLACE A CAR CAN'T BE DRIVEN TO IS DISREGARDED, THEY GET PAID JUST AS MUCH FOR MINING POOR ORE AS RICH AND MOST MINING ENGINEERS AS THEY DUB THEMSELVES, AS THEY CAN LEVEL A TRANSIT DO NOT BOTHER ABOUT GETTING THEMSELVES SWEATY PROSPECTING FOR ORE AS FOOLS LIKE MYSELF DO, IN OTHER WORDS THEY DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANYTHING AND DISCOUNT PROSPECTOR'S TALK AND SAMPLES, JAWBONE MINERS AND RATS NOW HOLD



LEASES AND DO NO MINING OR INVESTING, BY DOING AN ILLEGAL AMOUNT OF SO CALLED ASSESSMENT WORK TO BEAT THE COUNTY OF TAXES AND ALSO KEEP HONEST WORKING PEOPLE FROM GETTING LEASES, THIS IS DONE THRU IGNORANT LAWERS REPRESENTING THE PRESIDENT, MEANWHILE THE JAWBONE LEASER SELLS THE JUNK, PIPE BUILDINGS AND TAKING 75 PER CENT OF THE STEAL, THE SMELTERS ALSO GOT A GOOD STEAL WHEN THE PLACE WAS RUNNING BY NOT PAYING FOR THE LEAD IN THE CONCENTRATES AND GETTING THE SILICA FREE OF CHARGE SHIPPED TO THEM, FREE OF CHARGE THEY ALSO GOT OTHER MINERALS, ONLY SILVER WAS PAID FOR, NOW SMELTERS ARE GETTING RICH DUMPS AND TAILINGS FOR DOING A FEW DOLLARS WORTH OF ASSESSMENT WORK FOR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF VALUES ALL UNKNOWN BY THE STOCK HOLDERS AND PERHAPS THE ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF LEASING, THEY SAY CRIME DOESN'T PAY, PERHAPS REPORTED CRIME DON'T AND MURDER DON'T, BUT STEALING IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BUSINESSES IN THE U.S.A. TODAY AND LIKE THE WEATHER NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT, MOST SHERIFFS COULDN'T TRACK AN ELEPHANT IN FOUR FEET OF SNOW. HOWEVER, THEY NEVER GET 100 DELINQUENT TO SIGN THEIR PAY CHECKS

IN ABOUT 1920 THE CONSOLIDATED CORTEZ MINES COMPANY WAS FORMED AND THE MINE WAS BOUGHT FROM THE HEIRS OF WENBAN, WHO WERE THE DEAN SISTERS, AND BUZZY MILLS FOR \$ 100,000, TWO MILLION SHARES OF STOCK WERE SOLD AT ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE, MR MANSON WAS PRESIDENT, MR. KEATING WAS PROMOTER, WILLIAM ENGLEBRIGHT WAS SUPERINTENDENT, JOHN COLEMAN AND MR. RITZ SOLD STOCK AND MR. SEIBERT WAS CONSULTING ENGINEER, MR. CLAUD TEAL WAS MILL FOREMAN AND MR. THOMAS WAS MINE FOREMAN, A 100 TON MILL AND POWER HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1922, IN 1919 THE ARCTIC TUNNEL WHICH WAS STARTED YEARS AGO BY WENBAN AND DRIVEN IN 1200 FT. WAS NOW DRIVEN IN BY THE ROSSI BOYS AND MR. KELLER 1400 FEET MORE AND 400 FT. BELOW THE NO. 1. TUNNEL AND A RAISE CALLED THE CAGE SHAFT WAS DRIVEN TO CONNECT THE ARCTIC WITH NO. 1. TUNNEL AND A TRAMWAY WAS MADE TO THE NEW MILL, ORE COULD BE MINED UNDER THE SAINT LOUIS, TRAMMED THRU THE POLAR TUNNEL, DUMPED DOWN THE INCLINE SHAFT TO NO. 1. THEN DUMPED DOWN THE CAGE SHAFT AND TRAMMED TO THE MILL, THE OLD STOPES WERE TAPPED BY INCLINE SHAFTS AND TAKEN OUT OF CHUTES INTO CARS, OUR FIRST HEADS ASSAYED 25 OZS. SILVER AT \$ 1.00 PER OZ, LATER IT WENT TO 15 TO 18 OZS. BUT ARE CONSIDERED RICH MILL HEADS, THE ENGINE THAT WAS USED



TO BRING ORE DOWN TO THE BRICK CHLORINATING MILL IS NOW IN LAS VEGAS, IT WAS BOUGHT BY DOBE DOC CAUDILLO AS A RELIC, THE ORE FOR THE NEW CYANIDE MILL FROM THE TAPPED WASTE STOPES ASSAYED FROM 15 TO 25 OZS. AT \$ 1.00 PER OZ. THE SLIME TABLE CONCENTRATES WENT ABOUT 60 OZS. SILVER AND 4 TO 6 PER CENT LEAD AND SOME COPPER, THE 2 ROUGHER TABLES WENT 225 TO 250 OZS. SILVER AND ABOUT 12 TO 20 PER CENT LEAD, THE SMELTER PAID NOTHING FOR THE SILICA AND NOTHING FOR THE LEAD UNLESS IT ASSAYED 20 PER CENT, THE ASSAYER DIDN'T EVEN ASSAY FOR LEAD, THE ANSWER TO THAT LOSS WAS THAT MR. MANGON THE PRESIDENT HAD A BIG BLOCK OF STOCK IN THE SMELTER AND MADE THE SELLING CONTRACT, SOME HIGHGRADE ORE WAS SHIPPED IN SACKS, WATER FOR THE MILL CAME FROM THE FLAT ABOUT 3 MILES AWAY AND WAS PUMPED TO A TANK ABOVE THE MILL, SOME WAS PUMPED THEN TO NO. 2. BOARDING HOUSE AND TO TANK AT NO 1, THERE WAS ALSO A BOARDING HOUSE IN TOWN IN THE OFFICE BUILDING, J. A. BOITANO RAN THE STORE FOR THE BEOWAVE MERC. CO. AND ALSO RUN THE POST OFFICE, THE OLD PIPE LINE FROM WENBAN SPRINGS FURNISHED WATER FOR THE TOWN BUT THE OLD ENGLISH PIPE LINE WHICH WAS 1 AND SEVEN EIGHTS SIZE WITH 9 THREADS TO THE INCH INSTEAD OF STANDARD 7 AND TARRER BY WENBAN GAVE OUT A FEW YEARS AFTER THE MINE CLOSED IN 1930, A COUPLE YEARS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING WHEN SULPHIDES WERE ENCOUNTERED UNDER THE ARCTIC TUNNEL THE MILL WAS CHANGED TO A FLOTATION MILL AND A POOR EXTRACTION WAS MADE AND THE VALUES WENT DOWN TO 10 OZS. PER TON AND SILVER WENT DOWN IN PRICE TO 33¢ PER OZ, AND CLOSED DOWN, IN 1937 COLEMAN WHO HAD TAKEN OVER THE PROPERTY TRIED TO START UP AGAIN AND PUT IN NEW FLOTATION CELLS, BUT CLOSED DOWN IN ABOUT 7 MONTHS, MR. BALDWIN WAS THE SUPERINTENDENT, SINCE THEN ONLY JAWBONE MINING MEN HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO LEASE THE PROPERTY BY DOING A SMALL AMMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT WORK AND SELLING THE BUILDINGS ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS, MINERS WHO WOULD DO SOME WORK AND DEVELOPE THE PROPERTY AREN'T GIVEN A CHANCE TO LEASE, MEANWHILE THE STOCKHOLDERS UNDER THE NAME OF THE CORTEZ METALS CO. ARE YELLING THEIR HEADS OFF WANTING TO KNOW WHY NOBODY IS MOVING ANY ORE YET THEY DO NOT PUT IN THEIR APPEARANCE TO INVESTIGATE, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS THEY EVIDENTLY BELIEVE THE MINE IS DUG OUT AND A SMALL PART OF IT IS



HOWEVER, THERE ARE A GOOD MANY OUTCROPPINGS OF GOOD ORE WHICH HAVE NO WORK OR VERY LITTLE WORK DONE ON THEM, MOST OF THEM ARE UNKNOWN TO THE OWNERS OF TODAY, IN EARLY DAYS THERE WERE A GREAT MANY PLACES SO MUCH BETTER. IN THE OLD WORKINGS THERE ARE 35 MILES OF TUNNELS, RAISES, DRIFTS, HOG TRAILS AND SHAFTS BUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE GROUND IS PRACTICALLY VIRGIN CLAIMS, YES, CORTEZ WAS AND STILL IS A GREAT CAMP AND ADDED FORTY MILLION DOLLARS TO OUR WEALTH, THE WORK WAS DONE UNDER TRYING AND OLD FASHIONED TOOLS, BUT TODAY WITH OUR UP TO DATE PUSH BUTTON MACHINERY THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ENOUGH TO USE IT, OUR WAREHOUSES ARE OVERFLOWING WITH RECONDITIONED MACHINERY AND NEW, ALL THAT'S THE MATTER IS THE JAW BONE MINERS HOLD THE LEASES AND MODERN SO CALLED MINING ENGINEERS WANT TO DRIVE A CAR TO THE PLACE OF WORK AND SCORN PACK MULES, THEY ESTIMATE A MINE BY LOOKING AROUND IN THE OLD DUG OUT WORKINGS INSTEAD OF LOOKING AROUND WHERE IT IS TOUGH WALKING AND A REAL ENGINEER IS NEEDED TO GET THE ORE DOWN, THERE ARE TONS OF 60 OZ. ORE ALREADY DUG OUT OF THE GROUND BUT IT TAKES PACK MULES, AERIAL TRAMS OR THE CLEANING AND TIMBERING OF TUNNELS TO GET AT IT, SIMEON WENBAN DIED IN 1900, IF HE WERE HERE TODAY ORE WOULD STILL BE COMING OUT OF CORTEZ, INSTEAD OF LEASERS CLEANING OUT AND TIMBERING UP TUNNELS AND INCLINES THAT ARE CAVED IN THEY DO THE ASSESSMENT WORK IN SOFT GROUND WHERE THERE ISN'T ANY CHANCE FOR MINERAL, ONE YEAR THEY GRADE THE ROAD AND THE NEXT YEAR THEY PLOW IT UP AND FILE IT FOR ASSESSMENT WORK, ALL OVER THE MINING COUNTRY ASSESSMENT WORK OF THIS KIND AND NONE DONE IS QUITE A RACKET, THERE IS NO CHECK ON IT

TODAY AT THE ARCTIC AND GARRISON TUNNELS YOU CAN FEEL THE ICE COLD AIR COMING FROM THE UPPER WORKINGS, THERE WAS NO WATER TROUBLE IN THE MINE EXCEPT IN A FEW PLACES WHERE THE PORPHYRY DYKES CROSSED THE GROUND NEEDED VERY LITTLE TIMBER, CHLORIDE GOLD ASSAYING \$ .50, WAS FOUND IN "CAPS BREAK" ABOVE NO. 1 TUNNEL, TODAY THE TWO CHICAGO HOT HEAD COMPRESSORS, THE SULLIVAN COMPRESSOR AND THE 2 Y TYPE DIESEL ENGINES HAVE BEEN BROKEN UP FOR IRON JUNK, THE CLICKING ROCKS OF THE TUBE MILL AND THE STEEL BALLS IN THE BALL MILL ARE SILENT AS THEY HAVE BEEN AND MOVED ELSEWHERE, THE REDWOOD THICKENERS AND AGITATORS ONCE FULL OF SOLUTION AND SILVER PULP ARE TORN DOWN



POVERTY GULCH SETTLEMENT WHICH LIES ONE FOURTH OF A MILE SOUTH OF THE OLD OFFICE BUILDING LIES IN RUINS, THE WATER TANK THAT SUPPLIED THE NATIVES WITH SPRING WATER IS GONE THE SAME AS THE OLD SALOON AND BORDELLOS, EVEN THE INDIANS HAVE VANISHED, AT AN ELEVATION OF 6,150 THERE ARE BUT FEW MOSQUITOS OR KNATS, A FEW RATTLESNAKES APPEAR NOW AND THEN TO DISPUTE THE RIGHT OF WAY, DEER COME AROUND AND EAT THE TENDER GRASS THAT GROWS IN THE SAGE AND TIMBER, THE RELICS SUCH AS PURPLE BOTTLES AND ODDS AND ENDS HAVE DISAPPEARED LIKE A DEW DROP IN THE SUN, 75,000 TONS OF TAILINGS CONTAINING 5 OZS. TO THE TON AND WORTH \$ 300,000 ARE BEING MOVED TO THE SMELTER FOR THE VALUES AND FOR THE SILICA FOR FLUX, CORTEZ ORE RAN HIGH IN QUARTZ AND SUGAR QUARTZ, THESE TAILINGS COMING FROM THE OLD CHLORINATION MILL RAN 21 OZS, IN 1915 GEIGER CYRNTTED THEM BY THE OLD METHOD AND LEFT 5 OZS ON THE DUMP, THE DUMPS COVERED UP MOST OF THE OLD CHINATOWN JUST BELOW THE OFFICE, THE CHINK CEMETARY TO THE WEST NEAR THE HILLS IS EMPTY, THE BONES WERE MOVED TO CHINA.

CORTEZ LIES SLEEPING ON THE BREAST OF MT. TENABO, AMONG THE PINION PINES, JUNIPERS AND SAGE BRUSH WHERE HUNDREDS OF CHARCOAL BURNERS, MINERS, MUCKERS, MILL MEN, WOODCHOPPERS AND LONGLINE SKINNERS ONCE MADE A LIVING AND RAISED FAMILIES, NOBODY CAN GUESS HOW MUCH RICH ORE WAS STOLEN "I GUESS IS ABOUT A MILLION AND 35 MILLION WAS TAKEN BY WENBAN, HE DIED WITH 5 MILLION AND A BUG HOUSE IN FRISCO, CORTEZ WILL COME TO LIFE AGAIN TO POUR MILLIONS FROM LEAD, SILVER AND ANTIMONY WHEN THE RIGHT PEOPLE SEE IT'S OUTCROPPINGS, ALL READY MINED ORE AND HAVE THE MONEY TO CLEAN OUT AND TIMBER UP THE TUNNELS AND TAP THE MAIN MOUNTAIN NEAR THE CONTACT WHERE THE ORE SHOULD BE, SILVER WAS ONCE 16 TO ONE WHICH MEANS THAT 16 OZS. SILVER WAS EQUAL IN VALUE TO ONE OUNCE OF GOLD AT \$ 20, OR \$ 125 CENTS AN OZ FOR SILVER, NOW IT TAKES 32 OZS. SILVER TO EQUAL AN OZ. OF GOLD AT \$ 35 AN OZ. WE CAN NEITHER EAT GOLD OR USE IT FOR MONEY BUT SILVER HAS SEVERAL USES, SOUTH AFRICA CAN BRING IN 1 OZ. OF GOLD AND PACK AWAY 39 OZS. OF OUR SILVER, THE MORE GOLD IS VALUED AT THE LESS SILVER IS WORTH