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ROSEDALE MINING DISTRICT - Graphic Description of This Promising Camp And Its Mines

"We are indebted for the following interesting notes of the Rosedale Mining District to the pen of that veteran newspaper man J. A. Whitmore editor of the San Marcial Reporter and the Magdalena Mail. Mr. Whitmore is an experienced miner, and any information derived from him can not fail but to have influence when describing the varied and extensive resources of Socorro County: One of the most advantageously located camps in Socorro County is Rosedale, a gold camp which has been attracting considerable attention during the past year. The camp is situated in the foot hills of the San Mateo Mountains. It is located about 30 miles from San Marcial on the railroad and about the same distance from Magdalena, and is easily reached from either point by good roads. In the early prospecting days in New Mexico the San Mateos were the stronghold of the Apaches and were unprospected, and but few sections have as yet been prospected. The portions of the range that have received attention indicate that there are valuable mines in that section of our county, that will attract the attention of capitalists, and to the wealthy of the country. The principle mines of the camp are the GREAT LONDON and the ROTHCHILD and their extensions. The trend of the main vein is nearly north and south, with a slight dip to the east. The principle development work has been done on the Great London, which shows free gold almost from the grass roots. The vein matter is a porphyritic quartz with a heavy strata of manganese and iron-stained quartz. The development work consists of a shaft sunk on the vein, striking the footwall at a depth of about 40 feet. In sinking this shaft four different strata were cut, each showing free gold, the ore in the bottom showing better than elsewhere. The width of the vein has never been ascertained, but a cross cut will now be run to determine that fact. The foot wall found is what miners call birsdseye porphyry. The ore is low grade but the work done indicates that it will be found in large quantities. The assays made of the ore run from a small fraction of an ounce to 6 ounces, with a small showing of silver. The owners in this group of mines are Fred Keith. W. K. Nattress, Julius Estes, J. W. Richardson, and L. R. Whitmore, of San Marcial; J. S. Sniffen, of Socorro, and John Bowers. Other parties interested in that camp are G. W. Featherstone, Charles Featherston (sic), Singleton Vaughn, and J. A. Whitmore. The claims owned by the last named have never been exploited. The camp is delightfully located. The elevation is about 7500 feet, and fuel, timber and water are abundant. If the mines prove what present indications promise these will prove important factors in the economical treatment of the ores. It is probable that considerable development work will be carried on the present season."