

Randsburg Mining District Has Great Future, Asserts Jamieson

Randsburg, the Kern County mining camp that has made a dozen millionaires in its brief history, is entering upon a period of activity that promises within the next year or two to place it among the leading gold and silver producing camps in the West, according to N. F. Jamieson, geologist and Torrance mining engineer who returned from a trip to the Randsburg district, made for the purpose of examining the Windy mine of the Randsburg Development Company.

"The story of Randsburg is stranger than most fiction and carries with it all of the romance associated with sudden strikes of fabulous rich ore and immense fortunes made almost overnight by prospectors and those who 'staked' them," said Mr. Jamieson. "Good material for writers is found in the history of the Yellow Aster mine, the Kelley mine and other properties there that have yielded millions upon millions, but in the minds of many who know the camp the flow of gold and silver from the Randsburg district has only been started in its past production, and now that mining is rapidly recovering from its wartime and post-war depression, much will be heard from this and other camps in California, Arizona and Nevada within the next few months.

"The present leader in interest among the properties operating at Randsburg and recently striking gold bullion to the mint appears to be the Windy mine, owned by the Randsburg Development Company, which in the past has produced in excess of half a million dollars from shallow surface workings. Semi-monthly shipments of bullion from the Windy have been made since last July.

Promise Bright

"This property, which is now being operated in accordance with modern mining and milling methods, promises to become one of the great producers of the district. It consists of a group of five claims on which four important free-milling gold ore bodies have been exposed. In two of these sufficient development work has been done to show depth and persistence of the veins, while the character of the ground being worked is such as to assure the greatest possible economy in operation.

"The main vein, known as the Windy vein, has been opened up to a distance of 1,300 feet with commercial ore showing the entire distance and width of vein from three to nine feet. The Footwall vein junction with the Windy vein at the east end of the property, where the main shaft has been sunk, and at this point ore mining more than \$500,000 has been taken out within the past within a depth of 100 feet. This ore varied considerably in value, streaks being found that ran several thousands of dollars to the ton, but the average of the ore shipped is reported to have been \$50 per ton. Due to the fact that there was no mill on the property when this ore was mined, and shipments had to be made a considerable distance for milling, it was not found feasible to take out ore running less than \$20 per ton. Consequently a great tonnage of ore remains in the early workings, which is now being milled by the present owners at a good profit and with small production expense. Meanwhile development work in progress is exposing large ore bodies that will average well in value and will greatly increase profits over the present satisfactory savings.

Percentage High

"Facilities for treating the ore have been installed by the Randsburg Development Company since it took over the Windy mine some months ago consist of a 40-ton Joshua Hendy rod mill, with amalgamating tables, regrinder and concentrators, which save from 95 to 98 per cent of all values. Plans have been completed for the installation of an air compressor and electric hoist, which are expected to cut present tonnage costs from 10 to 15 per cent and bring the net cost of mining and milling the ore to \$2.00 less per ton.

"The business-like methods of operation on the Windy mine are illustrative of the improvements in mining and milling that will extend to many other properties in the Randsburg district. On the Santa Fe property one of the most modern mills in the west is being erected by the Baugh-Ross Tool Company of Los Angeles, this being designed both for treating ore from the mine and custom ores from elsewhere in the district. The management of the Yellow Aster is experimenting with milling methods for treatment of vast deposits of low grade ore that have been blocked out, and plan to install large and complete milling and concentrating equipment within a short time, after which this famous property will be worked on a big scale. It is reported also that work on a large scale is to be started at once on the Kelley mine of the California Rand Silver Mining Company.

"The story of the Kelley mine is one of the romances of California mining history. The first discovery on this great silver property was made in June, 1919, by Wade Hampton Williams, better known in mining circles as "Hamp" Williams. Since that time it has produced more than \$14,000,000 for its owners. One carload of ore from this property returned silver bullion worth \$72,000, or nearly \$1 a pound of the ore.

"The Yellow Aster has had a production of \$12,000,000 in gold bullion since its discovery in 1895, this being the oldest mine in the district. It is stated that an investment of \$500 made in the Kelley mine in 1919 has since returned \$250,000 to the fortunate investor.

District Famous

"Randsburg is notable for the variety of precious metals found within the confines of the district, these including tungsten and other minerals besides its immense ore bodies of gold and silver. The tungsten properties in the Randsburg district are reported to have had a production of \$20,000,000 and made many people wealthy when that metal was in high demand during the war.

"The total production of the Randsburg district is conservatively reported to have been in excess of \$50,000,000. With improvements in mining methods that have been developed in recent years, and with more practicable mining methods in vogue, the production of the camp up to this time should be multiplied in the years to come and new fortunes will in all probability be made, both from properties discovered and undiscovered today."

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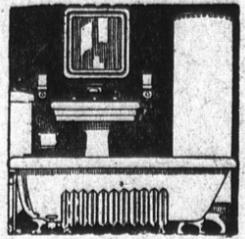
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By R. C. HUNTER & BRO. Architects, New York City

Fads and fancies in house design, as in most everything else, are but short-lived. Good design is a matter of taste and proportion, and as a rule, is akin to simplicity. Freak houses, built just because they are odd, do not represent the best in home building, but rather otherwise.

The curious holds one's interest but a short time; then it becomes bathos. This applies with double force to home buildings; once up, a building stands for years, a monument to good taste or to bad.

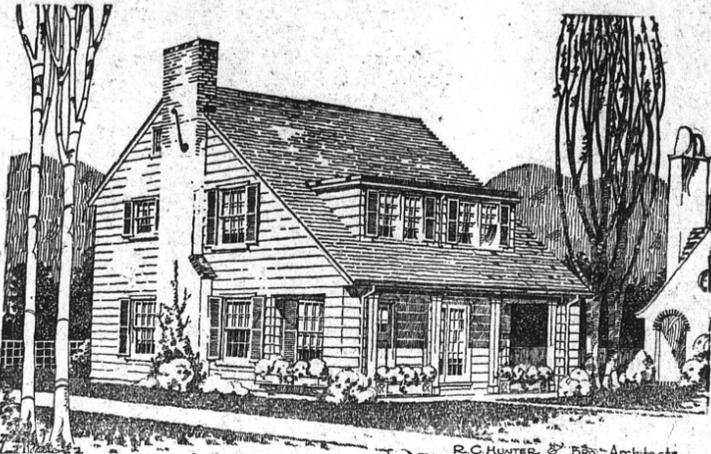
What a community needs is well designed, attractive homes, planned along sane, rational lines—economical, simple, neat, and charming—a credit to the owner and a credit to the community; a home that will give one a sense of pride.

The little house shown herewith is a good example of what can be done in the way of simplicity, economy, and good design.

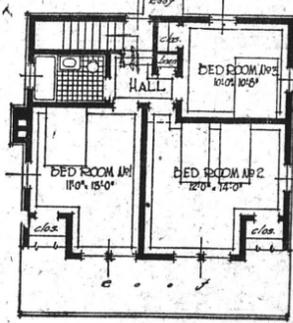
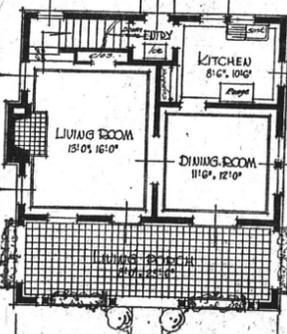
The plan is rectangular in shape (the most economical in form, and breaks and extensions are expensive); even the living porch comes under the main roof. The partitions are plumb over each other and the construction is most simple.

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