



The Keystone Chronicle

Cheyenne Chapter GPAA
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March 27, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 3 April 2012.
7 PM, American Legion Post
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Club Meeting: 1 May 2012,
7 PM, American Legion Post
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Websites of Interest

U.S. Forest Service,
Medicine Bow:
fs.fed.us/r2/mbr

Wyoming State Geological
Survey: wsgs.uwyo.edu

Wyoming Trails & Trails:
wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Public Lands for the People:
www.plp2.org

Cheyenne GPAA website:
www.cheyennegpaa.com

GPAA website:
www.goldprospectors.org

Wyoming State Museum
wymuseum.state.wy.us

March Minutes

Ken Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Club officers and Board Members were in attendance at the meeting.

Ken Siders was not able to attend this meeting as his wife was in the hospital. There were a total of 64 in attendance.

Ken Wilcox introduced Kassidy Kern and Nathan Haynes, from the US Forest Service, covering Logging Operations. Road 543 will be closed 7 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm, the other times the prospectors would be able to move around from claim to camp, camp to claim. The bridge is fixed now. Kassidy stated that the logging staging could be closer to Keystone rather than the flats, she would let us know. July 1 through September 10 the area is open to prospecting. Prospectors need to file letter of intent; the turnaround time should be fairly fast. All prospectors may call the front desk for current access to claim information. The US Forest Service office is located at the Junction of Hwy 130 and 230 in Laramie.

Ken Wilcox asked for questions and Kassidy and Nathan were thanked for coming. Ken Wilcox had Rich Richerson show the nugget that he got from the Nome Gold bag he won at one of the last few meetings.

The miners' prayer and a moment of silence were taken for Elnora Siders.

An introduction of the five visitors, Denver Warner; John Warner; Gregg Brechner and Robert and Stephanie Forney. A welcome back to Joseph and Jackie Still.

The minutes and treasurers report were approved, there was no correspondence. No old business was discussed.

The new business of a website request from the Iowa GPAA that they would like to meet with us and would we get back with them to set this up. The members at the meeting decided that we would let them know that we would like to have a get together with them in August. They will be notified, and at the next meeting we should be given the information for the dates decided on.

PLP information is found at www.plp2.org and the pan was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32. The next meeting is April 3, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Farewell

Well, the time has come to say goodbye. I have been offered a job with US Park Service at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Arizona. Since my job at Warren AFB is going away I have accepted the offer. This will be my last newsletter and my last meeting. I've tried to keep the newsletter interesting and my last issue will not be an exception. Those members that have been with us for a number of years will recognize some of the articles here from past issues but they will be useful for the new members. So, the Club needs a new Treasurer, a newsletter editor, and a board member; Any takers?

Peter Somontes

Treasurer's Report

The Club presently has \$9,061.38 in our bank. This includes \$438.54 earmarked for the PLP.

Raffles

General Raffle:

Nome Gold – Bob Hinckley
Nugget – Sean Slutzky
Picker – Holly Sullivan
Solar Light – Bob Morrison
Rope – Ann Nichols
Hand Towel – Denver Warner
Game – Lewis Coblenz
Hummingbird Feeder – unknown
Towels – unknown
Loupe Set – Rich Benson
Duct Tape – George Stumpf
Long shovel – Joseph Still

Attendance Raffle:

Scoop – Juanita Benson
Tarp – Joseph Still

50/50 Raffle:

\$124.00 was the raffle amount – David Darling

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Suction Tweezers	\$ 0.25
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Gold Show Dates 2012

SPRING CIRCUIT

Fresno, CA	Mar 31-Apr 1
Las Vegas, NV	Apr 21-22
Spokane, WA	Apr 28-29
Boise, ID	May 5-6
Salt Lake City, UT	May 12-13
Reno/Sparks, NV	May 19-20

FALL CIRCUIT

Rapid City, SD	Aug 25-26
Casper, WY	Sep 8-9
Butte, MT	Sep 15-16
Denver, CO	Sep 22-23
Mesa, AZ	Sep 29-30
St. Joseph, MO	Oct 13-14
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Cort Schaible 635-4810 Cell: 286-5335

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Don Ashley 307-220-8751

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WEIGHT CONVERSIONS

Understanding grains, grams, dwt (penny weight) and Troy Oz

	Grams	Grains	Dwt
Troy Ozt. 1.00=	31.1	480	20
Imperial Oz. 1.00=	28.3	437.04	18.21

Converting Calculations

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Prize list - PLP Legal Fund Raffle

June 21, 2012

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The Miner's Ten Commandments.

A man spake these words, and said: I am a miner, wandering "from away down east," to sojourn in a strange land. And behold I've seen the elephant, yea, verily, I saw him, and bear witness, that from the key of his trunk to the end of his tail, his whole body hath passed before me; and I followed him until his huge feet stood before a clapboard shanty; then with his trunk extended he pointed to a candle-card tacked upon a shingle, as though he would say Read, and I read the;

MINERS' TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other claim than one.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any false claim, nor any likeness to a mean man, by jumping one: for I, a miner, am a just one, and will visit the miners around about, and they will judge thee; and when they shall decide, thou shalt take thy pick, thy pan, thy shovel and thy blankets with all thou hast and shall depart seeking other good diggings, but thou shalt find none. Then when thou hast paid out all thy dust, worn out thy boots and garments so that there is nothing good about them but the pockets, and thy patience is like unto thy garments, then in sorrow shall thou return to find thy claim worked out, and yet thou hath no pile to hide in the ground, or in the old boot beneath thy bunk, or in buckskin or in bottle beneath thy cabin, and at last thou shalt hire thy body out to make thy board and save thy bacon.

III. Thou shalt not go prospecting before thy claim gives out. Neither shalt thou take thy money, nor thy gold dust, nor thy good name, to the gaming table in vain; for monte, twenty-one, roulette, faro, lansquenet and poker, will prove to thee that the more thou putteth down the less thou shalt take up; and when thou thinkest of thy wife and children, thou shalt not hold thyself guiltless—but insane.

IV. Thou shalt not remember what thy friends do at home on the Sabbath day, lest the remembrance may not compare favorably with what thou doest here. Six days thou mayst dig or pick; but the other day is Sunday; yet thou washest all thy dirty shirts, darnest all thy stockings, tap thy boots, mend thy clothing, chop the whole week's firewood, make up and bake thy bread, and boil thy pork and beans, that thou wait not when thou returnest from thy long-tom weary. For in six days' labor only though canst do it in six months; and though, and thy morals and thy conscience, be none the better for it; but reproach thee, shouldst thou ever return with thy worn-out body to thy mother's fireside.

V. Though shalt not think more of all thy gold, and how thou canst make it fastest, than how thou will enjoy it after thou hast ridden rough-shod over thy good old parents' precepts and examples, that thou mayest have nothing to reproach thee, when left ALONE in the land where thy father's blessing and thy mother's love hath sent thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill; neither thy body by working in the rain, even though thou shalt make enough to buy physic and attendance with; nor thy neighbor's body in a duel, or in anger, for by "keeping cool," thou canst save his life and thy conscience. Neither shalt thou destroy thyself by getting "tight," nor "stewed," nor "high," nor "corned," nor "half- seas over," nor "three sheets in the wind," by drinking smoothing down—"brandy slings," "gin cocktails," "whiskey punches," "rum toddies," nor "egg-noggs." Neither shalt thou suck "mint juleps," nor "sherry- cobbles," through a straw, nor gurgle from a bottle the "raw material," nor take "it straight" from a decanter; for, while thou art swallowing down thy purse, and the coat from off thy back thou art burning the coat from off thy stomach; and if thou couldst see the houses and lands, and gold dust, and home comforts already lying there—"a huge pile"—thou shouldst feel a choking in thy throat; and when to that thou addest thy crooked walkings thou wilt feel disgusted with thyself, and inquire "Is thy servant a dog that he doeth these things!" Verily, thou shalt say, "Farewell, old bottle, I will kiss thy gurgling lips no more; slings, cocktails, punches, smashes, cobbles, noggs, toddies, sangarees and juleps, forever farewell. Thy remembrance shames one; henceforth, I cut thy acquaintance, and headaches, tremblings, heart-burnings, blue devils, and all the unholy catalogue of evils that follow in thy train. My wife's smiles and my children's merry-hearted laugh, shall charm and reward me for having the manly firmness and courage to say NO. I wish thee an eternal farewell."

VII. Thou shalt not grow discouraged, nor think of going home before thou hast made thy "pile," because thou hast not "struck a lead," nor found a "rich crevice," nor sunk a hole upon a "pocket," lest in going home thou shalt leave four dollars a day, and going to work, ashamed, at fifty cents, and serve thee right; for thou knowest by staying here, thou mightst strike a lead and fifty dollars a day, and keep thy manly self respect, and then go home with enough to make thyself and others happy.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal a pick, or a shovel, or a pan from thy fellow-miner; nor take away his tools without his leave; nor borrow those he cannot spare; nor return them broken, nor trouble him to fetch them back again, nor talk with him while his water rent is running on, nor remove his stake to enlarge thy claim, nor undermine his bank in following a lead, nor pan out gold from his "riffle box," nor wash the "tailings" from his sluice's mouth. Neither shalt thou pick out specimens from the company's pan to put them in thy mouth or pocket; nor cheat thy partner of his share; nor steal from thy cabin-mate his gold dust, to add to thine, for he will be sure to discover what thou hast done, and will straightaway call his fellow miners together, and if the law hinder them not, will hang thee, or give thy fifty lashes, or shave thy head and brand thee, like a horse thief, with "R" upon thy cheek, to be known and read of all men, Californians in particular.

IX. Thou shalt not tell any false tales about "good diggings in the mountains," to thy neighbor that thou mayest benefit a friend who had mules, and provisions, and tools and blankets he cannot sell,—lest in deceiving thy neighbor, when he returneth through the snow, with naught save his rifle, he present thee with the contents thereof, and like a dog, thou shalt fall down and die.

X. Thou shalt not commit unsuitable matrimony, nor covet "single blessedness;" nor forget absent maidens; nor neglect thy "first love;"—but thou shalt consider how faithfully and patiently she awaiteth thy return; yea and covereth each epistle that thou sendest with kisses of kindly welcome—until she hath thyself. Neither shalt thou cove thy neighbor's wife, nor trifle with the affections of his daughter; yet, if thy heart be free, and thou dost love and covet each other, thou shalt "pop the question" like a man.

A new Commandment give I unto thee—if thou has a wife and little ones, that thou lovest dearer than life,—that thou keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward, until thou canst say, "I have enough—God bless them—I will return." Then from thy much-loved home, with open arms shall thy come forth to welcome thee, with weeping tears of unutterable joy that thou art come; then in the fullness of thy heart's gratitude, thou shalt kneel together before thy Heavenly Father, to thank him for thy safe return. AMEN—So mote it be.

FORTY-NINER.

These "commandments" were actually written in 1853 by James M. Hutchings (1818-1902), and first published in the Placerville Herald newspaper. This was the most popular of the hundreds of letter sheets published in the 1850-1870 era, and was so profitable for Mr. Hutchings that he was able to publish the successful Hutching's California Magazine.

Be sure and see The California Historical Society's exhibit on Gold Rush letter sheets.

Gladys Hansen
February 8, 2000

Let's not forget the ladies!

The Wife's Commandments

- I.** *Thou shalt have no other wife but me.*
 - II.** *Thou shalt not take into thy house any beautiful brazen image of a servant girl, to bow down to her, to serve her, for I am a jealous wife, visiting, &c.*
 - III.** *Thou shalt not take the name of thy wife in vain.*
 - IV.** *Remember thy wife to keep her respectably.*
 - V.** *Honor thy wife's father and mother.*
 - VI.** *Thou shalt not fret.*
 - VII.** *Thou shalt not find fault with thy dinner.*
 - VIII.** *Thou shalt not chew tobacco.*
 - IX.** *Thou shalt not be behind thy neighbor.*
 - X.** *Thou shalt not visit the rum tavern; thou shall not covet the tavern keeper's rum, nor his brandy, nor his gin, nor his whisky, nor his wine, nor any thing that's behind the bar of the rum-seller.*
 - XI.** *Thou shalt not visit billiard saloons neither for worshipping on the dance, nor the heaps of money that lie on the tables.*
- And the twelfth commandment is, thou shalt not stay out later than nine o'clock at night.*

Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 27, 1849