

# THE GOLD NUGGET

January 2019



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### **The Prez Sez by Jim Long**



Christmas is past and we are starting a new year. I hope that everyone had a good holiday spent with family and friends. I also hope that the New Year is full of promise, peace and good will and health for each and every one of you.

As I, sit here to write this, it is snowing outside and the temperature is hovering at about 17 degrees. And yet, I know that there are guys and gals out there, as I speak who are braving the elements in their search for gold. They are panning, some are sluicing, some are running high bankers and there are a few who are even dredging. They are doing it all! You may not believe that there are folks who would be out in this weather but there certainly are. I participate in several gold mining related forums on the web and I see their pictures and posts on a daily basis and I know quite a few of these people as well. And the strong majority of these folks are doing it on public access locations throughout the state. I see their posts all the way from the southwest on the Dolores and San Miguel rivers, on over to western slope near Fruita and the Grand Junction area, across to Pueblo, and here on Clear Creek and the South Platte river as well. They are everywhere. The only sad part is that so many of them do not belong to a Club per se. Though a lot of them are GPAA members, they really don't hang out with any of the four primary GPAA Chapters in the State. A lot of them are just on their own and via the grapevine, they nearly all have Kevin's book about Finding Gold in Colorado. So they are frequenting many of the locations to be found in that book. I wish that more of them would be motivated to join some of the local Clubs. There is such a wealth of knowledge and skills among many of them. I see people who are still working and some who are not. Some work in fields that have special applications to the mining industry and their knowledge of chemistry, milling, gold separation, and just general mining is nothing short of amazing. There are some who take their kids out regularly and make the experience a family affair. They go for the day, they go for several days and camp out for the adventure, some regularly travel fairly great distances to spend some quality time prospecting. In short, I see a broad spectrum of the small mining community as I scan through these various sites. And I realize that there is a tremendously large group of people out there participating in small-scale mining. Collectively, that would present a fairly strong voice if they could ever be brought together for such a purpose.

The PLP, AMRA and the ICMJ are among the leaders in the industry who are sponsoring the Small Miners Amendment that they are actively trying to generate support for and I speak about that elsewhere in this Newsletter. I encourage you to read it and do your part. There is a lot of support for their efforts but, sadly, I always wonder how much louder the voice of support would ring in the ears of our state and national legislators if these many thousands more voices could be raised in unity. Colorado is a good example of what I am talking about. In every State, there are a number of Clubs dedicated to treasure seeking, rock hounding and/or gold prospecting. I firmly believe that for every member or a local Club, there is at least another 25 to 30 folks who don't join the local Clubs. Now, for the most part, I am talking about



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small-scale stuff, not the ones who actually make a living out of it. There are far more of those kinds of folks than you would at first think as well. And if we could ever get everyone together on the same page at the same time, things would start to change. No doubt in my mind to that. Scott Harm, the editor of the ICMJ, and I spoke of just that the other day. I would love to have all these people on a petition to take to Washington DC but the timing involved in trying to get out and get all that done in a timely manner is next to impossible. I have tried that before and it didn't work out very well!

Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be! And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'! Oh, and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our valued members and your families!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at [jnslong945@msn.com](mailto:jnslong945@msn.com) . Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

## The V.P. Corner by "Joe Fortunato"



Hello again guys and gals!! Here it is the second day of January 2019!! We are at the starting line for another year of prospecting. I am chomping at the bit to get out and do something to ease this bad case of "CABIN FEVER" that I am experiencing right now. I am usually quite patient most of the time during our winter months, but I have been itching to get out and do something for days. I know that there are a couple of warm days in the forecast at the end of this first week of January. It looks like Friday the 4th could be a beauty with a daytime high of 60 degrees. That certainly beats my minimum requirement of 45 degrees, sunny, and not too windy. I haven't had a look at clear creek since this cold weather arrived a few days ago, so I have no idea what the ice situation looks like. If the creek is iced up and the temperature hits 60 degrees, a person could spend more time clearing ice jams out of their sluice box than feeding material thru it. It is hard to say unless you go check things out on that day. I have been trying to take the edge off by spending a lot of my free time reading several of the prospecting forums and watching every darn thing on the internet that is about prospecting, detecting, mining, or anything related to those subjects. I will be watching the weather forecast for Jan. 4th. If the weather holds, I am going to skip work and get out there and shake off this current case of "CABIN FEVER". I am thinking that I will most likely grab my DFX with the "Bigfoot Coil", and try my luck at a couple of parks and playgrounds. I hope the ground isn't frozen. I think the odds may be better with a detector than a sluice box, but I could be wrong about that. If you decide to give the creek a try, let me know how things worked out for you. I would be interested to hear about the conditions on the creek. This brings to mind a quick little story about finding gold during the winter months here in Colorado. I may have told it before, but it is one of those pieces of advice that you get when talking to an individual with far more experience when it comes to chasing gold. It was short and to the point, as so many of these gems of wisdom sometimes is. It was told to me by Ken Oyler, one of the original members of our club. I was new to the club at the time (less than a year) and Ken was one of my first mentors. It was wintertime and I was complaining to Ken about not being able to detect for gold in the high country because of the snow. I was feeling quite sorry for myself. Knowing that it would be months before I would again have access to the high country and the possibility of detectable gold was depressing. Ken just smiled and said, "The mountains aren't the only place with detectable gold, parks and playgrounds have detectable gold, and some of that gold has diamonds attached to it". Well, that put things in perspective in a very convincing manner. It was one of those, why didn't I think of that moments. I was so focused on natural gold nuggets, that I totally overlooked an obvious alternative..... lesson learned!!! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!!! Until next time.... MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE GOLDEN!!! Questions or comments Call or Text me... 303-263-7204 Joe Fortunato

## From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Joe Kafka

The **January** meeting will resume the customary format. We will again feature the nugget drawings. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time, which I have at the desk. It was a pleasure to serve as the Treasurer for 2018 and I wish all the best to **Joe Kafka** who will assume the Office this month. Hope to see you there!!

## Planned 2018 GPR Meeting Programs:

TBD



**Board Meeting Minutes From Dec 2018**

X	James Long		Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	John Johnson
X	Mike Hurtado	X	Joe Johnston	X	Chris Kafka		Brandon Luchtenburg
X	Roger Schlenger	X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll		Gary Hawley

There was no Official Board Meeting for the month of December.

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

What does the gold color of the “C” in the Colorado flag represent?

- The autumn colors of the Rocky Mountains
- Gold mining in Colorado
- Sunshine
- Has no meaning

- 2019 GPR Board of Directors Members**
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James ‘JJ’ Long
- Vice President**  
Joe Fortunato
- Secretary/Treasurer**  
Joe Kafka
- 2 Year Board Members**  
Joe Johnston (2017)  
Joe Shubert (2018)
- 1 Year Board Members**  
Andy Doll  
Brandon Luchtenburg  
John Johnson II  
Bobby Manning  
Chris Kafka  
Mike Stevens
- Past President**  
Gary Hawley

**General Meeting Minutes From Dec 2018**

1. Meeting/Dinner was opened at 6:35 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced that the evening Program would feature a Recognition Program following the Dinner and invited everyone to eat.
3. Following Dinner, **Pres. Long** then opened the General Program by thanking everyone for bringing such a good array of food. A Report on the year’s progress was then given. The Club Membership stands at about 300 members for the year and a recap of the year’s activities was given. There were 19 scheduled events for the season which included no tours, five (5) Panning Demos, 1 Metal Detecting Hunt, 1 Rock Hounding Hunt, eight (8) prospecting outings, two (2) Beginner Classes, a Club picnic, a Halloween pumpkin carving contest, and the Christmas Dinner. In total, the activities resulted in 23 days of scheduled events. The plan is to try to schedule a couple of tours for 2019 and to try to repeat with as many Outings as we had in 2018.
4. **Pres. Long** then introduced the 2018 Board of Directors who are an integral part of assisting in ensuring that everything gets done and that there
  - are plenty of activities scheduled throughout the year. Each Board Member was presented with a special Certificate of Appreciation
  - for all that, they do throughout the year along with a small Christmas gift from Santa. A big round of applause was given to **Joe Fortunato, Roger Schlenger, Mike Hurtado, Joe Schubert, Joe Johnston, Andy Doll, Brandon Luchtenburg, John Johnson, Bobby Manning, and Chris Kafka.** There are several volunteers without whom the Club could not get things accomplished at each
  - meeting and throughout the year. Members **Chuck Cown, Dan and Becki McConnell, and Joe Kafka** were then presented with
  - Certificates of Appreciation as well as a small Christmas gift from Santa.



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5. **Pres. Long** then had his elves present each attendee with a small Christmas gift from Santa. Following that, the two new members elected to the Board of Directors were introduced to the membership. **Joe Kafka** will be replacing **Roger Schlenger** as the Treasurer for 2019 and **Mike Stevens** is replacing **Mike Hurtado**. Both Roger and Mike served the Board with distinction during their respective tenures.
6. **Pres. Long** then announced the winners of the **Finds of the Year, which** had previously been voted on by the membership. Certificates of Recognition were presented to the seven winners which were as follow:
  - Best Coin – Joe Johnston
  - Best Jewelry – Dennis Perederin
  - Best Artifact – Brandon Luchtenburg
  - Best Mineral – Bob and Chris Wobbe
  - Best Bottle – James Long
  - Most Raw Gold – Bobby Manning
  - Largest Raw Gold – Dennis Perederin
7. The **Gold Elephant Gift Exchange** was then completed and all those who brought small gifts were exchanged.
8. **Pres. Long**, assisted by **Roger Schlenger**, the proceeded to draw random tickets for twelve (12) special door prizes which included 3 gold nuggets, 3 one ounce silver prospector coins, 3 free annual membership certificates, and 3 novelty sluice boxes with miner and golden ore.
9. **Pres. Long** then announced the winner of the **Ken Barker Award, which** went to **Bobby Manning**. Bobby personifies all the attributes of Ken Barker in that he is a champion and ambassador of small-scale mining. He is friendly and outgoing and ever helpful to new people and the Club itself. Bobby received a Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing and nice crisp \$100.00 bill.
10. **Pres. Long** then announced that the table center pieces had been provide and built by **Joe and Chris Kafka** and they were awarded to the individuals at each table who had an orange dot under their chair. All of the evenings Christmas decorations were provided courtesy of **Joe and Chris Kafka** as well.
11. **Pres. Long** then wished the attendees a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the evening’s festivities were concluded.

## 2018 Ken Barker Award

## Bobby Manning

It is with distinct pleasure that the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies announce the recipient of the 2018 Ken Barker Award as Bobby Manning.

Bobby has been a member of the Gold Prospectors of the Rockies since 2012. He is a veteran and a very experienced prospector. Bobby spends a lot of time with the Club helping out with many of the outings, panning demos and Beginner Classes. He is a very hard worker and is always available to pitch in and help out wherever asked or if he feels he may be needed. Bobby strongly believes in the Club and is always talking to people he meets and telling them about the Club and encouraging them to come and learn about prospecting. Bobby is a very personable man and is a very experienced prospector and is always happy to share his knowledge and experience with anyone he meets. Bobby Manning has shown that he possesses the spirit and qualities that fit the qualifications for the Ken Barker Award.



We are pleased to present Bobby Manning with the 2018 Ken Barker Award and will place his photograph into the Ken Barker Gallery on the GPR web site.

## A Miner’s Laugh

An old retired miner was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for food. The old miner took out his wallet , extracted 10 dollars and asked, “If I give you this 10 dollars, will you buy some beer with it instead of food?” The bum said, “No, I had to stop drinking years ago”. “Will you use it to go fishing





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instead of buying food?” the old miner asked. “No, I don’t waste my time fishing. I spend all my time just trying to stay alive. Haven’t fished in twenty years.”, the bum replied. “Well,” the old miner said, “I’m not going to give you the money. Instead, I am going to take you to my home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife”. The old bum was astounded and blurted “Won’t your wife be furious with you for doing that”? But the old miner just grinned and replied, “Don’t worry about that. It is very important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up fishing and drinking..!!”

## **The finds of the Month 2019:**

### **The finds of the Month for January will be posted in February.**

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the membership each month. We would like to know what everyone else is finding so don’t be bashful. Winners each month will have their names published in the Newsletter. There are seven (7) categories to choose from when entering. Winners of the monthly judging will need to save and return with their winning find next November 2019, when the Finds of the Year will be judged. DON’T FORGET.....SAVE THEM...!!!!

## **A Glimpse into Colorado History**

### **Nederland:** *(Middle Boulder, Brownville)*

Helen Hunt Jackson called Nederland “that dismal little mining town.” True – the town was too busy to dress up for all its visitors. It was too busy being a mining center for one of the richest gold and silver areas in the state, and then one of the richest tungsten centers in the world. But it’s had a chance to catch its breath in recent years and is developing into quite a tourist center. Though it still looks like “that dismal little mining town.”

A mill was built here in 1870 to handle the ores sent down the mountain from Caribou. It was from this mill that silver bricks were made to serve as a walk for General Grant’s visit to Central City in 1873. Nederland thrived all through the 80’s and 90’s as a supply, smelting and shipping center for the mining camps about. With the discovery of tungsten at the turn of the century, that activity increased. But it wasn’t until the outbreak of World War I, when tungsten prices skyrocketed, that the find brought the stampede. Wartime Nederland was like wartime Washington. Lots were at a premium, a place to sleep was worth its weight in tungsten. Hotel beds were rented for eight hour shifts. Men rented beds in barns and were glad to get them. Restaurants allowed guests only 20 minutes to eat. Bars were extended and extra swinging doors were put in to accommodate the customers. However, the boom couldn’t last. As the tungsten price soared, buyers eventually were able to import the mineral from South America and Japan at less cost. The bottom fell out of the market overnight. The end of the war shortly thereafter sealed the doom of the Nederland tungsten boom.

Tungsten is still produced in the Nederland area and some of the other mines are working. But it is no longer nothing like it was.

*GOLD DUST: The first camp was called Brownville for N.W. Brown, the first settler. In 1873 the name was changed to Middle Boulder for the stream that furnished the water power. In 1874, a Dutch company took over some mines in Caribou and the mill, and renamed the city for their homeland...the Primos Mill at Lakewood, just three miles from Nederland, was the largest tungsten producing mill in the world...several buyers from Europe inspected the tungsten mines and mills at Nederland during the early years of this century...tungsten is used to harden metals and for filaments in electric lights.*

### **Tungsten:** *(Steven’s Camp, Ferberite)*

Looking down from Boulder Canyon on the ghost of Tungsten, one wouldn’t believe the site was the busiest and richest city of its size in the state during World War I. But it was..! During the war, when tungsten was more valuable than gold and silver, the city had a peak population of 20,000 and thousands more slept and ate wherever they could in Tungsten, Nederland and other nearby places. Seventeen mills were working around the clock. The traffic was so heavy along Boulder Canyon road that guards were stationed at most curves to prevent accidents and trouble. Production reached nearly six million dollars in 1917 alone. Tungsten produced here broke a monopoly held by an eastern firm and the area established its own monopoly of sorts before the price got so high that users found it was cheaper to import tungsten, and did so. When this happened, the market fell overnight and Tungsten, the city, died almost as quickly as it had roared into



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existence. For years, miners and prospectors trampled over what they called “that damn black rock’ found in abundance here. Some were curious about the unusual stones and tarried awhile. But when they found it held no silver or gold, they trudged off. The metal was found to be tungsten around the turn of the century but hardly anyone needed it then, and the area was deserted until about the start of the war and the tungsten boom. The tungsten area covered 12 square miles and extended as far down Boulder Canyon as Magnolia. Tungsten, of course, was the center of activity, although prosperity from the boom was felt at Nederland, Boulder and throughout Colorado. The bustling community was first named Steven’s Camp for Eugene Stevens, an early miner. But the growing camp soon took the name of the metal that made it famous. The Tungsten mill at nearby Lakewood was the largest in the world. The Boulder Tungsten Production Company was formed at a cost of \$30,000 dollars but paid for itself within a month. Activity dwindled after the market crash, and all but stopped following the war. But a little mining has been done off and on since. Most of the mills and other establishments are now gone. Many were lost to Barker Reservoir now covering the “Barker Meadows” where horses and burros grazed during the boom.

*(Excerpts taken from the 1968 printing of The Guide to the Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps by Perry Eberhart....*

## **Mining Concerns from Around the Country**

*(In my attempt to keep our members aware of what is happening involving mining from around the country, I will run this little section each month and see how it goes. I am apt to put a little passion and some direct finger pointing in my reporting, for which I will offer no apology to anyone who may feel offended. I support responsible mining and responsible miners, period. It is what it is, and it is strictly my opinion, and that is that, like it or not .jj)*

**Anti-mining Ballot Initiative Rejected in Montana:** Montana voters rejected a ballot initiative that would have required developers to provide clear evidence in any new hard rock mining proposal that the mine wouldn’t need perpetual treatment of polluted water after operations end. Five mining companies funneled cash and services to the Montana Mining Association to argue that the measure’s language was vague and would allow environmental groups to sue to block any future developments. Wildlife and environmental advocates backing the measure said it would have prevented mining companies from leaving behind permanent water pollution and saddling the state’s taxpayers with the costs of cleanup. *(Yeah, right....i am throwing the bull crap flag on that too...bottom line is this would enable the antis’ to say that the mining companies could not adequately predict the future and ‘guarantee’ there would be no future water pollution and that would give them the right to block mining for the foreseeable future....we may have been born at night but it wasn’t yesterday...good job Montana voters....JLL)*

**PLP Update by Scott Harm:** “In light of the results of the midterm elections, our focus will be with the US Senators and their staffers that we have already been working with,” said Clark Pearson, northern director of Public Lands for the People (PLP). Republicans lost control of the House, which means that the committee chairs and members in the House of Representatives that we were meeting with in our attempt to provide regulatory relief for small miners across the US will lose their influential positions. However, the Republicans gained two Senate seats and could possible gain one more following a run-off election in Mississippi. PLP is working on a political strategy and a “white paper that should provide significant influence with the legislatures in California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington in regards to suction gold dredging. However, rather than waiting for those legislatures to come to their senses in light of the evidence, the focus will remain on getting relief at the federal level. PLP plans to head back to Washington to meet with the US Forest Service, the EPA, and members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. We initially planned to head back in early December, but we are waiting to see what changes are made to several of the key committees. We have several Senators of the Armed Services Committee who have already expressed their support for our legislative proposals to provide relief for small scale miners. PLP is asking miners to write a letter in support of the “Small Miner Amendments to the NDAA,” and send them to our newly elected Senators or to the current Senator, depending on who was up for election, who wasn’t and who won. You can send the Letters to PLP via email at [editor@icmj.com](mailto:editor@icmj.com) or by fax at (831) 479-4385, or by mail to ICMJ, PO Box 2260, Aptos, Calif. 95001.

**Sample Letter Follows (fill in the blanks):**



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( Insert the date )

Honorable Senator ( insert the name )  
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Washington, DC 20510

I urge your support of the proposed “Small Miner Amendments to the NDAA” submitted by Public Lands for the people.

Small miners across the United States are a very important part of our economy, providing jobs and the resources necessary for society and for our national security. These miners have faced excessive and unwarranted regulatory burdens at the hands of the local, state and federal level. The proposed amendments will provide them with much needed relief.

Sincerely,  
( your signature )

(Your Printed Name)  
(Your Printed Address)  
(Your Town, Colorado and zip code)

*(As a Club Member of the PLP, I have forwarded an email copy of the above Letter to the PLP folks on behalf of our Club but I also encourage those of you who feel strongly in support of the issues to send one individually. The more voices we raise that can be heard, the higher the likelihood that we will be heard...just saying' JLL)*

### **Pink Legacy Diamond Sold for Record Price**

The Pink Legacy diamond, weighing in at just under 19 carats, was bought by US brand Harry Winston at auction in Geneva. The price of around \$2.6 million per carat marked a world record for a pink diamond according to the European head of auction house Christie's. It had been valued at between \$30 to 50 million before the sale on Nov. 12, and was bought after only five minutes of bidding. Once owned by the Oppenheimer family, who formerly ran the De Beers mining company, the diamond was referred to as 'one of the world's greatest diamonds' by Christie's international head of jewelry, Rahul Kadakia. “You may see this colour in a pink diamond of less than one carat,” Mr. Kadakia said. “But this is almost 19 carats and it is as pink as can be. It is purely unbelievable”. The rectangular cut stone was found in a South African mine around a hundred years ago and has likely not been altered since it was first cut in 1920, Christie's said.



### **Chicken Egg Sized Diamond Found in Canada**

The biggest diamond ever found in North America has been unearthed by Dominion Diamond Mines and the Rio Tonto Group at a mine in Canada's frozen north. The 552 carat yellow gem was found at the Diavik Mine in the Northwest Territories and is almost three times the size of the next largest stone ever found in Canada. While Diavik and the neighboring Ekati Mine produce high quality diamonds, they're not renowned for the sort of huge gems normally found in southern African mines. The diamond is said to be of gem quality but there a few details known at this time to help determine its value. It is a yellow diamond but due to abrasions and other minor damage as a result of the going through the processing facility, it is hard to determine the value and it all depends on the cutting and the resulting stone that it ends up being. The discovery is the seventh biggest this century and would be among the 30 largest stones ever unearthed. The biggest was the 3106 carat Cullinan Stone, found near Pretoria, South Africa in 1905. It was cut into several polished



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gems, the two largest of which, the Great Star of Africa and the Lesser Star of Africa, are set in the Crown Jewels of Britain. There have been a slew of large finds in recent years as better technology is helping miners to detect and then not break larger stones that are susceptible to breaking in the mining process.

### **Gold! The foundation of Colorado by Linda Wommack**

The first evidence of gold found in Colorado were small flakes panned from the streams on the plains just east of the Front Range and from Clear Creek leading up to present day Idaho Springs. Then, on May 6 1859, the first lode gold in Colorado was found in what is now Black Hawk by a Georgia miner named John Gregory. This gold strike resulted in what became known as the 'Pikes Peak or Bust' gold rush to the Colorado mountains. This discovery of lode gold (a gold vein in the ground) and the origin of the flakes, created a mad dash of miners to the area. The population growth in the mountain wilderness where Gregory discovered lode gold was startling. William N. Byers, editor of the Rocky Mountain News, reported that on May 20, 1859, he had found "about 20 men in the vicinity of Gregory's Diggin's" and that a week later, "more than 3000 men were hard at work!" Mining settlements emerged in the surrounding area of "Gregory's Diggin's," including Gregory Point, Mountain City, Springfield, Bortonsburg, Missouri City, Dog Town, Eureka, Enterprise City, Russel Gulch, Lake Gulch, Chase Gulch, Black Hawk, Central City and Nevada City. By the summer of 1859, 30,000 people were living up and down the gulches near Gregory's find. United States hard rock mining laws date back to the original laws created by the prospectors of Colorado's Gregory District. Those miners recognized the need for law and order and gathered to write laws for the Gregory Diggin's District. Officers were created and fees were established. Under this system, mining claims were protected and proper punishment for criminals was created. These basic laws became the blueprint for all subsequent mining districts. Within a few short years, the mining town of Black Hawk, the first to incorporate a smelter, became the largest town in the territory until the railroads reached Denver in 1870. By then, the mining laws had been codified and the milling difficulties solved by trial and error. Frank Hall, a leading journalist of early Colorado, wrote, "The mainstay of the territory's prosperity was Gilpin County. It was these lodes in and about the cities of the Gregory District which virtually held Colorado Territory together through its formative years'. With the rich gold industry entered in the mining towns of Black Hawk and Central City, millions of dollars of gold ore was produced from Gilpin County. This rich influx of capital became the impetus for the Colorado Territorial Legislature to apply for statehood. With statehood granted in 1876, it was not a coincidence that the newly elected legislators were affiliated with Gilpin County fold mining. Among the most notable were senators Henry Teller and Jerome Chaffee and representative James Belford. The men (and women, although very few) of Colorado's Gregory District came for a variety of reasons, seeking their fortune in gold or business opportunities or simply adventure, they built a strong mining community. Many of these citizens became Colorado leaders in banking, politics, business, education and mining. A list of "Who's Who" of movers and shakers in Colorado's formative years include those from the gold mining area of the Gregory District. Clara Brown, the first African American woman to arrive in Gilpin County. Greatly admired for her business acumen and her compassion. Horace Hale, the first president of the university of Colorado after serving as principal of the Central City School and territorial school superintendent. He organized the State Teachers Association. His son, Irving, a graduate of West Point with a perfect final exam score, laid out the first electric tramway line in Denver and helped found the national Veterans of Foreign Wars. Camp Hale is named for him. Frank Hall, a territorial legislator and Territorial Secretary elected to three terms. He edited the state's second oldest paper, the Central City Register Call, for 22 years, served as managing editor of the state's oldest newspaper, the Rocky Mountain News, and then for the Denver Post for 20 years. Nathaniel Hill, considered the savior of Colorado's mining industry, formulated a successful process to reduce Colorado's gold ore into concentrates. He build the profitable successful smelter in Black Hawk, shipping millions of dollars of ore from Gilpin County. He was later elected to the United States Senate. Francis Wisebart Jacobs, born in Central City, later honored as the founder of the free kindergarten, through the National Jewish Research Center. She devised the concept of a unified charity drive, today's United Way. George Pullman. An early Gilpin County businessman, he made a fortune in mining and the mercantile business. He is best known for his development of the famed Pullman railroad sleeping coach. Florence Sabin, a resident of Central City, became the first female doctor accepted into the prestigious medical societies. An acclaimed laboratory researcher, she discovered cures for several diseases. In Colorado, she improved the health codes of the state. Chin Lin Sou, the acknowledged leader of the Chinese community in Black Hawk and Central City. He later became the unofficial Misung, or mayor, of Denver's Chinatown. Elizabeth Bonduel McCourt "Baby Doe" Tabor, Perhaps the most notable of Gilpin County women. She and her first husband Harvey, operated a mine above Central City. She would later marry the richest man in Colorado, H.A.A.W. Tabor, and create the most famous legendary scandal in all of Colorado history.





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Edward Wolcott, a former Black Hawk school teacher, later served as a United States Senator. Henry Roger Wolcott, became instrumental in the success of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, as well as the founding of Colorado College. He was involved with the incorporation of the Denver Country Club, bringing the game of gold to Denver.

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