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The *Columbia Gazette* of Saturday says:

The mining news in this vicinity still continues as favorable as heretofore, and the miners are amply, and in many instances, richly paid for their labor.

On Tuesday, J. M. Strong & Co., at their claim on the hill between Columbia and Bensonville, took out a lump weighing over half a pound, besides three ounces of fine gold.

On the flat, and in the main gulch, the miners are hard at it and doing first rate. Upon Dr. Windler's claim, east of the town, they have erected a large water wheel, for the purpose of hoisting up the golden soil. It is nearly powerful enough to drive a saw mill.

At Santiago the miners are busily engaged in sifting out the "dust"—making their pockets heavy and the bankers' vaults rich.

On Thursday, Curtis, Benjamin & Co., took out over \$300; one piece weighed over 13 ounces. This claim has averaged about an ounce per day, to each man, for the past three months.

SAWPIT GULCH.—On Saturday last, Welch & Co's claim yielded 24 ounces of fine gold, and on Monday, one pound. This claim averages \$20 per day, to the man,

At Gold Spring the miners continue to make great strikes. Gen. G. McDougal's claim pays \$50 per diem to the man—Bullard & Co's claim, adjoining McDougal's, is paying at the rate of five ounces per day to the hand. Joseph Butler's claim, near the Spring, is paying an ounce to the man, and other claims at this place pay equally well.

At Spring Gulch, near Yankee Hill, the miners have been doing "right smart."

On Humbug Flat, the boys are digging into it with a will and some of them get paid very well. One claim on the creek, some distance above the town, has paid nearly \$4,000 since January.

At other mining camps in this vicinity, the miners are rolling out the rocks, &c., and appear to be well satisfied with their reward.

INDIAN THEFTS.—The Indians in this section of the State are still committing depredations upon the property of the whites. On Thursday or Friday last some friends at Cherokee Diggings, who had made preparations to take a prospecting tour to Walker's river, found on the morning they contemplated starting their horses and mules missing, and in their search for them came upon the trail of the Indians, who had stolen and driven them into the mountains. They followed the trail some twenty miles above here, where they came in the neighborhood of an Indian Ranchere of several hundred, which they thought too strong to be attacked by their small force.

They came back without their property, but we have no doubt, if they can raise a force sufficient, that they will return to the mountains and destroy their ranchere. The Indians are in large force in the mountains, and their constant depredations upon the whites, will, we fear, result in their extermination or expulsion from this section of country.—*Ibid.*

Lee & Marshall's Circus are performing at Columbia with success.

The *Gazette* gives a hopeful account of Columbia, and its healthful progress in business and morals.

Miska Hauser gave a concert there on the 15th, assisted by Herr Kopplitz, Professor McKorkle and Madame Von Gulpen Korsinsky.

CAVEDIN — We understand that on Thursday last, a French man was nearly buried up at Dr. Pierson's claim, on the hill near Bensonville. Although buried to the chin, he was not seriously injured.

DR. WOZENCRAFT.—There is no profession in which the characteristics of the gentleman are more needed than in the Medical. Brought into very intimate and delicate relations with his patients, full confidence in the honor and delicacy of the physician, is no less necessary, than in his learning and judgment. From a long and intimate acquaintance with Dr. Wozencraft, we know that in his social intercourse, and in his practice, he has proved himself worthy of confidence as a gentleman and physician, and we are pleased to learn that he has resumed the practice of his profession in this city.

EXAMINING TITLES.—Levi Parsons presented a bill of \$500 last evening to the Board of Aldermen for services, rendered in examining the title of the Jenny Lind property. It was stated that when the City Attorney was applied to, to examine the title he was occupied in court with a case not of the city business, and that he desired the application to be made to Parsons in his name. The latter examined the case and now, Mr. Parsons presents a bill of \$500 for examining a title. Aldermen Haven, Case, Gluyas, Moore and Murray voted against paying the bill; Bowie and Meiggs in favor. We have heard of several rich bills in our time, and this is one of them.