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GOLD FOUND IN SAND CREEK!

Ho for Jordan!! – “Roll up your coat, likewise your sleeve, for Jordan, ain’t a hard road to travel, I believe.”

During the last week, we have not unfrequently heard indefinite allusions made of “gold” and “Jordan” and “Sand Creek” and “Pikes Peak at our very doors:” and “five cents to the pan full” and such, like, which very naturally led us to enquire for more light on the subject.

The fact is that it is established to a consideration, that gold in the form of “shot specimens” has been found and is still being found in Sand Creek (between Helena and the Minnesota River), in such quantities as to justify the presumption that it will pay to dig, and in obedience to this presumption, quite a number have picked up the “shovel and the hoe,” and are while we write dipping into the Jordan with a right good will, and if they don’t get cleansed of the “Leprosy” – why they’ll get “cleansed” – that’s all.

But without jesting, there are indications of gold in paying abundance in Jordan Creek, about 6 miles from this place. We have seen handsome specimens, and we are satisfied from authority which we cannot doubt that when the river recedes a large number will devote themselves to mining with a fair prospect of success.

Mr. John Truaz has shown us specimens procured by himself which did our eyes good to gaze upon. He is now engaged at the diggings and we hope to hear a further report from him in time to publish this issue.

While preparing the above we have seen several gentlemen who assured us that some 25 or 30 persons were engaged in washing with “pans” about a dollar a day on average; and Mr. William Bajer and experienced California miner made on Monday, with the aid of a rocker five dollars!