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## BOOTHWYN MINES CLOSED FOR A TIME

Company Finds That Working Land for Feldspar is Not Unqualified Success

### GOLD IN THIS COUNTY

Place of Mineral Found Near Ogden. The County, Believed to Have a Quantity of the Precious Metal in it – Presence of Mice Spoils the Wealth of Feldspar in This Section.

Mining for feldspar on Edward Bullock's farm, between Boothwyn and Twin Oaks, was temporarily abandoned last week. The company that has been operating the mines for the past few months, it is said, has not been paying the laborers regularly and was unable to get men to work.

Last Friday and Saturday a number of the men, mostly Italians, with the baggage, left the mines for their homes. Some, it is alleged, were not paid all that was due them. One Boothwyn man who worked at the mines since they were opened, declared that the company owes him more than a hundred dollars for his services.

Mr. Bullock had nothing to do with the actual operations, it is claimed. They were carried on by the company, and he was paid a tonnage royalty. The quality of the feldspar at first was, most promising and readily marketable, according to some of the laborers, but that mined lately, they declared, was somewhat poor and discouraging to the company. The mines were opened in a big field near the Baltimore and Ohio railroad right-of-way and attracted the attention daily of numerous travelers.

Feldspar mining in this section of Delaware County has been a periodic fad for some years. Few of the operations have been a single success. On the farm not far from Boothwyn, the owner some time ago was tempted by a huge piece of the delusive mineral in his barnyard. He decided to dig and court "fortune at his very door." He did dig to his ultimate sorrow. The sale of feldspar did not pay for the labor, and he had a twenty feet deep hole to fill to prevent his live stock from falling into it.

### FIND GOLD AT OGDEN

Another farm, a short distance from Boothwyn has hills of feldspar. It was mined extensively not many years ago and promised big returns. Much of the mineral was shipped to Trenton, N.J. and at first brought good prices, but the purchasers finally became so particular as to quality that it was no longer profitable to ship it to them or longer profitable to ship it to them or sell it to advantage elsewhere, and the mines were abandoned.

Feldspar of good quality brings from #4 to #20 a ton. The medium grades are used in potteries for making dishes. The finest quality is manufactured into false teeth and brings as much as \$5 a basket. The presence of mice in the mineral spoils its worth, tendering it unfit to be used in the manufacture of dishes, especially chinaware, into the making of which it enters extensively.

On a place near Ogden a few days ago, a piece of mineral bearing evidences of gold in its composition was found. The owners of the property have not yet started to dig for the precious metal desire no notoriety over the discovery until a minerogist has determined the composite parts of the sample and ascertained if the golden streaks are the "real thing."

John Boudwin's farm, near what is known as the covered bridge at Ogden, is being worked for feldspar quite successfully so far. The operation is carried on by Edward Worth, of Wawa, who has made a comfortable fortune from his feldspar mines at Brandywine Summit.

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