

Excerpts From Mining-Collect

Regarding Bruce Beck's bad luck in doing business in Globe, Arizona:

Bruce,

I remember your last visit to Globe was not a pleasant one. These Globe miners do have a reputation of taking your money from your wallet. I've got to tell you about the worst case I've seen though. Five years ago, a guy, his wife, his daughter and dog showed up at Pinto Creek with a motorhome, truck and the biggest gold dredge ever seen in Arizona. First, all the free gold at Pinto Creek had been removed by 1900. But this guy was promoted by a Globe "Mine Promoter". He spent a lot of money on leasing the mining claims, then digging a huge hole to put his dredge in. He was going to dredge the creek as he went up. It was in August, about 115 degrees. First his dog died, then Magma copper company started 21 peak wells in the area and took his pond of water to dust in 20 hours. His wife was disgusted and left him for a Globe native. Then his daughter at 15 years old ended up pregnant. Then he was found to be on mining claims that he never did lease and was thrown off. He sold his dredge and pick-up truck, parked his motorhome by the rec hall bar, where he lived for about 5 months. After drinking up the motorhome, he bought a Grayhound ticket back to Pasadena, where he was from. He did have a vial of gold he had recovered. It had two pieces in there the size of fly dung. Consider yourself and your friend lucky.

Todd Town

Regarding Phoney Lindahl Candlesticks:

Someone is producing phoney Lindahl candlesticks and they are very well made (I got one in the mail today), but they made some mistakes. On a real stamped Lindahl the cap of the match safe has a slight dome to it so the letters are stamped deeper toward the center than they are on the outer edge. On the phoney they are all uniform depth and the cap is not slightly domed although it does have the same rounded beveled edge from the knurling. Also some of the letters are closer together than others, some actually touching one another while others are further apart. The most obvious difference is the fact that on a real Lindahl the match safe is three pieces (cap, tube and applied end toward the spike) while on the phoney there are only the cap and the match safe itself is turned from a single piece of brass, with no separately applied end. Unlike the original, the spike on the phoney begins to taper too soon and the stock used for the hook is just a bit too thick, but it looks good. I have three variations of original Lindahls and this one has problems when compared to the originals. For someone coming across one of these at a show somewhere, with no original in hand to compare, the thing to remember is the three piece match safe on the original and two piece on the phoney. Someone even went to the trouble of rolling the spike up in an old 1915 newspaper - nice touch. Fortunately I have return privileges on this piece. Buyers beware!

Dave Johnson

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