

"Bloodstone," Randsburg Miner, Nov. 30, 1912, p. 1:

"F. M. Myrick, the gem stone miner, returned last week from Death Valley, and brought with him a limited amount of the bloodstone material from his mine near Brown mountain.

"When first discovered this deposit was supposed to contain a large amount of this beautiful gem, which is a [blue?] bloodstone of exceptionally fine quality. Recent work, however, shows that the deposit is not nearly so extensive as seemed indicated by the outcropping and the vein has narrowed to a marked degree [_____] of a good grade. Bloodstone is called among the semi-precious gems and the supply of really first-quality material is fairly well limited and always in good demand. The limitation of Myrick's deposit really [enhances its?] value.

"[A.? F.? We _____], a well-known gem expert of Los Angeles, has made a careful study of the stones found in Death Valley, including the beautiful gem called Myrickite. He is of the opinion that the [value?] of these gem deposits has been underestimated."

"Opals On The Desert," Los Angeles Mining Review, Sept. 9, 1911, p. 15 ([Bakersfield] Californian):

"Remarkable opal discoveries have lately been made in the Death Valley country and F. M. Myrick, an old miner of the desert, in company with two young prospectors from Los Angeles, has recently found opals which promise to start a rush into the country this fall, according to information which has been received here.

"The rocks which Myrick and his companions have found are fire opals or white and red with the white transparent.

"It appears that Myrick's long hunt on the desert is to be rewarded. For years he had prospected through the dead hills in vain for pay dirt and had about decided to come to Bakersfield when he made the strike of the opals. He will now remain in the desert. Bakersfield men are interested in Myrick's claims.--Californian."

"Bloodstone Mine," Los Angeles Mining Review, Dec. 7, 1912,
p. 8:

"F. M. Myrick's bloodstone mine in Death Valley is reputed to be not nearly so extensive as at first estimated. The quality is there but the vein is limited and diminishes as it progresses. Myrick has recently mined considerable of the semi-precious gems which are of good quality."

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"Government Expert Visits Myrick's Gem Mines," *Rand. Miner*,
Aug. 16, 1913, p. 1:

"Douglas P. Sterrett, the gem and precious stones expert of the U. S. Geological Survey, returned this week from the Death Valley region with F. M. Myrick. Mr. Sterrett visited this part of the country expressly to inspect Myrick's gem stone deposits.

"During his five-day overland trip by team he visited the bloodstone mine, and the blue agate deposit near Brown Mountain, and the fire opal claim, two miles southeast of the former. Mr. Sterrett expressed himself very favorably in regard to Myrick's gem mines upon his return. The blue[?] agate, one of Myrick's recent discoveries, is a very rare stone and will bring high prices on the market. F. M. Myrick will leave for his mines next week to bring in another supply of gem stone material."

"Mining Notes," Randsburg Miner, Jan. 17, 1914, p. 1:

"F. M. Myrick, the owner of the Death Valley gem mines, has given a [__] days option on part of his gem property. The amount paid is not known but it is a large sum. W. M. Fee, a mining man of Lankershim, who[was?] here Wednesday closing the deal. Nothing has been divulged as to whom are Mr. Fee's principals, but rumor has it that the firm of Tiffany, the well-known New York jewelers, are the buyers.

"Specimens of Mr. Myrick's gems, which are a new bloodstone, a blue [moss?] agate, his beautiful myrickite and a pure white topaz, have been in New York for some time, and the firm that Mr. Fee represents were highly pleased with the ^m and gave him power to buy the property at a figure that was very satisfactory to Mr. Myrick. He has decided not to sell the other portions of his property."

"Found Ancient Skeleton," Randsburg Miner, March 7, 1914, p 1

"F. M. Myrick, the well known gem miner, returned Sunday from a trip to his properties in Death Valley. He brought in a varied assortment of gem stone material, including some very fine [blue?] chalcedony. Among other [mementos?] of his trip, he uncovered a [human?] skeleton, apparently of great [age?]. The skull would [indicate?] it as being that of an Indian. Eastern capitalists are negotiating[?] for the Myrick claims and it is possible a deal will be made soon."

"Christmas Diggings," Randsburg Miner, Feb. 13, 1915, p. 1:

"A recent rich discovery was made at the above named place, 25 miles northeast of Randsburg and five miles from the new Searles Lake railroad.

"The Boblet Bros. of Arizona located the ground about a year ago, but only a few months ago were they able to go over the ground and thoroughly prospect it.

"The formation resembles that of the Goldfield district. The entire district is well mineralized, the gold occurring in the altered veins of porphyry running east and west, and the absence of base minerals makes the recovery of gold a very simple metallurgical problem.

"Assays have been made, from a vein ten feet in width, as high as \$47[?] to the ton. [_,]000 pounds of samples taken at random gave an average of \$10 to the ton. The gold differs in color and texture from the product in Randsburg, resembling that found in Nevada.

"F. M. Myrick, the gem miner of Death Valley, interested in the claims, states that this is the first gold property that he has encountered worth his attention, and it is safe to state that no better authority exists on mines than Mr. Myrick."

"Xmas Diggings," Randsburg Miner, Feb. 27, 1915, p. 1:

"Mr. Farrell the geologist at the Yellow Aster mine, went out with the owners, F. M. Myrick and S.M. Boblett. Mr. Farrel stayed two days at the mine and made a thorough examination of the property, and thinks it a big thing. He says that it would make a second Yellow Aster and all it needs is for some good, live company to take hold. Thousands of tons of ore are in sigh[t] and would keep a small mill going steadily."

"Local Items," Randsburg Miner, Aug. ²¹~~22~~, 1915, p. 1:

(excerpt:)

"T. [F.] M. Myrick, of Death Valley[,] who is on his vacation[,] will spend several here[?] before returning to his claims. He has some beautiful specimens with him and among them is the valuable Myrickite. He states that his vacation has been a beneficial and enjoyable one."

"Shady Myrick in Los Angeles," Randsburg Miner, June 19, 1915, p. 1:

"Shady Myrick is in town. He is the Gem Stone Miner of Death Valley and the owner of some of the best gem stone mines in the country. He has the distinction of having a gem stone, Myrickite[,] named for him by the Geological Survey of the United States. It is his first trip from his properties since last fall. During his prospecting the past winter he discovered what is now known as the Boblett claim, a gold property which is 25[?] miles northeast of Randsburg in the [Moss?] hills. There is no other prospect within many miles and this prospect is like an isolated desert flower waiting for some one to pluck it. The ore deposit is [700?] feet in length[,] and in this length there are five different ore shoots that are from two to sixteen ft. thick. It is an altered porph[y]ry and there is no schist or [bull?] quartz anywhere in that section. The ore is like a sponge, free milling and averages \$7[.66?] per ton. There are no copper stains [or?] indication of lead, zinc or antimony anywhere in the district. The region has been placer mined for years in the [draws?] and sags on the hillside, but location of the Boblett claim is where no lode prospector has even thought of investigating. The prospect is only four miles from the Trona branch of the Southern Pacific railroad, no hills between, while the nearest water is but seven miles away, but can be developed within two miles of the prospect. The geologist of the Yellow Aster property has examined the prospect and he

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considers it a safe property to develop. Mr. Myrick, who has prospected all over the rocky mountains and who was among the first to enter the now Goldfield camp, declares the strike not only a good one, but the deposit is similar to that in Goldfield. Ex."

Note: "Ex." may refer to Los Angeles Express or Los Angeles Examiner.