

HERE FROM OLD MOWRY

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Bert Logan, mining man, was a county seat business visitor Monday from Mowry, one of the oldest mining camps in the United States. The Mowry mine at Harshaw, was owned and operated by Lieutenant Sylvester Mowry, U. S. A., in 1860 and the early years of the civil war. The ruins of Lieutenant Mowry's reduction plant are yet standing in the vicinity – a few low, crumbling adobe walls. The ores, which are rich in lead and silver, were smelted and the lead and silver bullion transported by wagon to Guaymas, thence by water to Europe. It was reported that some of the lead was shipped to the Confederate War Department, and cast into bullets for use in the military operations on behalf of the Lost Cause; and Lieut. Mowry was put under arrest upon a charge of treasonable conduct and his property confiscated. A court of inquiry finally exonerated him, and he left the service, going to Europe.

When silver comes back, the old Mowry mine and Bert Logan also will “come back.”

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