

COLONEL GREENE HAD \$38,000,000.

**But It Would Be Rather Difficult to Say
How Much of it is Left---Spectacular
Career of the Ex-Cowboy Who Went
Up Against Lawson of Boston in the
Wall Street Arena.**

(New York Journal.)
William Cornell Greene, who made a flying leap to fame by spending \$42,000 on newspaper advertisements last Tuesday, simply to publicly denounce Thomas W. Lawson as a liar, fakir and charlatan, is a curious jumble of Bat Masterson and J. Pierpont Morgan.
He came to New York four years ago, the sole owner of a property which in 1902 had an actual market value of \$38,016,000. To-day his real friends hate to think of how much he has got left.
Wall street has been a terribly costly venture with him. His money has been taken away from him in ways that would stagger a dozen national banks. He boasted on Tuesday that he had \$15,000,000 left to fight Lawson. On Thursday he admitted that the two days of Lawson's slump in Greene Consolidated Copper had cost him exactly \$4,143,325.17. At that time he declared he had \$5,000,000 left to fight Lawson.

Where all his millions have gone is no secret to the men who have followed his Wall street career closely. Many of them regard him as the most colossal "angel" that ever got south of Pine street. The estimates that these men place upon the remnant of his wealth do not tally with the most recent of his own figures. They are lower by a wide margin.
His title of colonel is purely a courtesy. It was given him when with his sudden and stupendous bounds to enormous riches he abandoned the less conventional sobriquet of "Bronco Bill," by which he was known in Southern Arizona for over a quarter of a century.

Native of Westchester.
Col. Greene is forty-eight years old. He was born in Westchester County, a few miles above the present New York City line, his family being very nice people but not distinguished in any way. He got the Western fever before he reached the age of manhood and finally drifted to Southern Arizona, not far from the Mexican line. Bisbee, a little town forty miles from the line, was the metropolis which knew him best until he became a thirty-time millionaire.

People who thought the Colonel suffered with "colic" when he failed to go to Lawson's Boston office on schedule time, and characterized him as a "four-flushing bad man," made a mistake.
He has a number of absurd hangovers and they tell absurd stories about his ability as a gun-fighter, his courage, nerve, &c. Conservative men who knew him in the old days in Arizona declared that while these stories are ridiculous the colonel was as good an all-around man as the average expert plainsman. He could shoot with the best of them, ride with any of them, gamble with the nerviest of them, and never showed the white feather in times of stress. He herded cattle in a dangerous Indian country, and twenty years ago shot at Indians and was shot at by Indians times innumerable.

Unlike Mr. Lawson, his friends do not undertake to say how many, if any, notches he is entitled to wear on his gun. Lawson says of four men that he killed two were shot in the back. If he shot anybody in the back, and his friends don't admit that he did, they say the Colonel was justified, that he was up against men who would have shot him in the back if he could have got him first.

One of the most absurd stories told about the Colonel is this. The end of the second finger of his left hand is missing. A bullet took it off. In one of his Indian fights twenty odd years ago he was surrounded by a small band. The firing brought his cowboy friends up on the gallies. They found him lying dead in the grass behind his dead horse. He was wounded in two or three places one of the wounds being on the finger. A count of dead Indians was made on the line of the circle which the attacking party made. Thirteen corpses was the total.

Col. Greene is anything but the plainsman in appearance to-day. High living, rich food and the luxurious life of a multi-millionaire in this city during the past four years has piled mountains of fat on him. He is about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 230 pounds or more. He is not only fat, he is flabby. Any exertion makes him puff. Rheumatism assails him at times. He has a rich florid color, not the kind due to outdoor life, but to a liberal patronage of a generously equipped table.

The Colonel is good-natured but explosive. In the company of millionaires he affects the manners of the plainsman. In the company of ordinary mortals he affects the manner of the millionaire; the solid, substantial man of weighty business affairs; the financier whose utterances are of deep import to the Wall street world.

Here is the way the Colonel came to be the owner of property that had a value of \$38,000,000 and more. Just across the Mexican line from Southern Arizona was a great tract of pasture land which was purchased in 1885 by a syndicate of Californians headed by United States Senator George C. Perkins.

There were a number of ranches on the property. One of them was called the Cananea. The land was in the State of Sonora. Year after

year the land afforded fair grazing for the cattle kept upon it.

In the latter part of the 90s "Bronco Bill" Greene had amassed enough money to give up cattle herding and to purchase a small ranch of his own in Southern Arizona close to the Mexican line. His ranch prospered and he began to pile up money. In his variegated life he had picked up a practical knowledge of mining and the value of the land. There is a peculiar law in Mexico. Grants to pasture lands, such as the Perkins syndicate had obtained, do not carry with them title to certain minerals which may be found on the land, such as copper, gold or silver. Any person can go on to private lands and locate for gold, silver and copper. If he finds it he can put in a claim for the land. All that he has to do to pay a fair price based upon its value as a pasture. Should the owner refuse to sell he can get possession by condemnation proceedings after paying a nominal price.

Copper on Neighbor's Land.

Greene's little ranch was on the Arizona side of the line, the pasture on the Mexican side. Greene frequently rode over the property of his neighbors. In 1899 he got an idea from his mining knowledge that there might be copper deposits on the Cananea ranch. He prospected quietly and in the end located eight mines. He put in his claims for the property and the Perkins syndicate, not knowing anything about the extent of the mineral deposits, sold out rather than fight condemnation proceedings and be beaten in the end.

Soon after Col. Greene got the property by paying a nominal sum Senator Perkins, who had caused an investigation of the mineral deposits to be made, said:

"I believe that the greatest copper mine in the world have been located there, and that there is enough copper now in sight to reduce prices the world over."

Col. Greene has a rough kind of business astuteness. He came East in 1900 and met various men skilled in the promotion of companies. He made a stock company of his mines and then came the task of getting the cash to build smelters, purchase machinery and the equipment necessary to get their riches into remarkable shape.

He was the owner of every one of the 865,000 shares of the company except the few that he gave away to qualify other men to act as directors. He was prodigal in his efforts to raise the necessary cash. This prodigality later on caused him a vast amount of trouble and innumerable law suits which took away hundreds of thousands. One of the men he approached was Thomas W. Lawson. The man who introduced him to Lawson subsequently sued him for \$1,000,000, and effected a compromise. It was said, based on the payment of \$125,000.

That was a mere bagatelle to the Colonel. A young woman who did his typewriting when he first came here, and proved to be of valuable service to him, he rewarded, according to common report, with 10,000 shares of stock. Had the young woman held on to them she could have sold them for \$450,000, the stock going to 45 in 1902, but she sold when it reached 25, realizing \$250,000.

Chummed With J. W. Gates.

When the Colonel got the property under way finally he settled in this city making his home in the Waldorf-Astoria, where he hired a \$15,000 suite. He became the chum of John W. Gates, James A. Drake and other plungers who frequent the Waldorf and some of the poker games that followed, all but lifted the roof from that hostelry.

In a young man, the Colonel had married and had one daughter. His wife died long before he ever dreamed of being a millionaire. When his riches first came to him he went to Bisbee, Ariz., and married Miss Mary Proctor, who is related to the Proctor family of Vermont.

He brought his bride to the Astoria. There a baby was born, the first to come into the world in the hotel. Then the Colonel moved his family to the Ansonia, where the Colonel leased the finest suite in that hotel. He still makes his home there.

When the fame of the Greene Consolidated spread and the price of its shares made the former cowboy a veritable Monte Cristo, lawsuits were brought against the Colonel with a free hand. They were the price of his former prodigality. Most of them were based upon alleged promises of enormous rewards he had made when he needed cash to start up his mines.

George A. Treadwell sued for \$2,000,000. George Mitchell sued for \$3,000,000 and a number of suits for lesser amounts were brought. Several of these were settled. Some are still pending.

The former cowboy, by his great wealth, got on terms of intimacy with the real financial kings of the city. H. H. Rogers sees him whenever he calls at No. 26 Broadway. E. H. Harriman is the second largest individual stockholder in his company. John W. Gates was a director of the company for a time. Then they had a disagreement and Gates got out.

Wall Street Misfortunes.

In the first flush of his great wealth the Colonel spent fabulous

sums. One of his closest associates said:

"He bought hundreds of thousands of timber land with no timber on it. He bought hundreds of thousands of acres of grazing land with no grass on it. He bought little railroads which began nowhere and ended nowhere, touching nothing on the route."

In 1902 he headed a syndicate of four men which purchased a 7,500,000-acre ranch in Sonora, Mexico, the greatest cattle ranch in the world. The tract is 125 miles long and 100 miles wide and is surrounded with a four-strand barbed wire fence. He planned to put 50,000 head of cattle on the ranch.

His stock market operations have been the most costly of all his ventures, particularly his speculations in his own stock. The Greene Consolidated. Several times he has bought immense blocks on margin, borrowing huge sums from banks and trust companies.

With a peculiar facility every time he has loaded up with the stock on borrowed money something has happened, the lending institutions demanded heavy additional collateral and bundles of the stock are thrown on the curb.

In January last he was caught in this way, and it was reported that he would lose the Presidency of the company. The stock he had to part with 45,000 shares, was taken by Standard Oil men at 10. On Monday last the stock sold at 34. The Colonel had loaded up with 160,000 of it on margin. He had to part with a big chunk of this in the perpendicular drop to 22.

The Colonel appears to be the only man in Wall street who doesn't know that the Standard Oil group is after his company, or that there may be underlying reasons for the radical actions of the big lending institutions every time he loads up.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE.

Royal Canadian Regiment Officers to Celebrate Tonight.

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—(Special).—The officers of the Royal Canadian regiment will hold a mess dinner this evening in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of the corps.

Henry Braithwaite the famous Miramichi guide will leave for New York this evening to spend Christmas.

F. R. Perry, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., and W. L. Creighton, advertising agent of the I. C. R., are here today to attend a meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association.

Turkeys have dropped in price from twenty-five cents to twenty cents per pound in the local market.

Berton C. Foster, principal of the Fredericton high school, is confined to his home with a severe attack of sore throat.

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Careful analysis shows that many so-called "tonics" contain little else but whiskey---the rankest, poorest kind of whiskey.

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The test of a tonic is the permanency of its cure. To become strong, you must build up the blood-alcohol weakens it. You must increase your nerve force---alcohol steadily degrades it.

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BEWARE OF THESE FLOWERS.

(Kansas City Journal.) It is claimed that the tulip is a dangerous flower. Take a tulip of a deep crimson color and inhale it with profound inspirations and it will be apt to make you light-headed. You will say and do queer things---dance, sing, fight, swear and so on. For two hours you will be out of your mind. Afterward you will be depressed.

The poppy is another flower supposed to be dangerous. A young woman of a nervous temperament, if she lingers among beds of poppies, will grow drowsy, the same as if she had smoked a pipe or two of opium.

In Asia Minor, where the opium manufacturers cultivate vast fields of poppies, tourists inspecting the beautiful flowers, often become altogether incapacitated. They get so sleepy they can hardly talk. They reel in their gait. In some cases they have to be put to bed.

A New Industry.

Salida, Colorado, expects to have a factory for the extraction of gum from the "Colorado rubber plant" in operation by the beginning of 1905. A building was recently donated by the business men, to aid in establishing the new industry, and it is now being prepared for the reception of the necessary machinery, which has been ordered.

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Of Catarrh remedies, there is no end, but of catarrh cures, there has always been a great scarcity. There are many remedies to relieve, but very few that really cure.

The old practice of snuffing salt water through the nose would often relieve, and the washes, douches, powders and enemas in common use are very little, if any, better than the old fashioned salt and water douche.

The use of inhalers and application of salves, washes and powders to the nose and throat to cure catarrh is no more reasonable than to run the back to cure the kidney disease. Catarrh is just as much a blood disease as kidney trouble or rheumatism and it can not be cured by local treatment any more than they can be.

To cure catarrh whether in the head, throat or stomach an internal antiseptic treatment is necessary to drive the catarrhal poison out of the blood and system, and the new catarrh cure is designed on this plan and the remarkable success of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets is because being used internally, it drives out catarrhal infection through the system upon stomach, liver and bowels.

Wm. Zimmerman of St. Joseph, Mo., an experienced catarrh sufferer, writes: "I neglected a slight nasal catarrh until it gradually extended to my throat and bronchial tubes and finally even my stomach and liver became affected, but as I was able to keep up and do a day's work I let it run along until my hearing began to fail me and then I realized that I must get rid of catarrh or lose my position as I was clerk and my hearing was absolutely necessary."

Some of my friends recommended an inhaler, another a catarrh salve but they were no good in my case, nor was anything else until I heard of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and bought a package at my drug store. They benefited me from the start and in less than four months I was completely cured of catarrh although I had suffered nearly all my life from it.

They are pleasant to take and so much more convenient than other catarrh remedies that I feel I can not say enough in favor of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets."

Hospital For Denver.

It is understood that Denver, Colorado, will be selected as the site for the Army and Navy Hospital, which the federal government will erect for consumptives, and for which an appropriation of \$50,000 has been set aside. The majority of the commission in charge favors Denver, although two members advocated some site in Arizona.

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