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that way. These were persistent, however, and Tabor was too busy to argue with them. “ Oh help yourself. One more time won ’ t make any difference, ” He said and went on selling shoes and hats to other customers. The two miners took \$17 worth of supplies, in return for which they gave Tabor a one-third interest in their findings. They picked a barren place on the mountainside and began to dig. After nine days they struck a rich vein of silver. Tabor bought the shares of the other two men, and so the mine belonged to him alone. This mine, known as the “ Pittsburgh Mine, ” made 1 300 000 for Tabor in return for his \$17 investment. Later Tabor bought the Matchless Mine on another barren hillside just outside the town for \$117 000. This turned out to be even more fabulous than the Pittsburgh, yielding \$35 000 worth of silver per day at one time. Leadville grew. Tabor became its first mayor, and later became lieutenant governor of the state.

1. Leadville got its name for the following reasons EXCEPT. A. because Tabor became its leading citizen B. because great deposits of lead is expected to be found there C. because it could bring good fortune to Tabor D. because it was renamed

2. The word “ grubstake ” in paragraph 2 means. A. to supply miners with food and supplies B. to open a general store C. to do one ’ s contribution to the development of the mine D. to supply miners with food and supplies and in return get a share in the mine, if one was discovered

3. Tabor made his first fortune. A. by supplying two prospective miners and getting in return a one-third interest in the findings B. because he was persuaded by the two miners to quit supplying C. by buying the shares of the other D. as a land speculator

4. The underlying reason for Tabor ' s life career is. A. purely accidental B. based on the analysis of miner ' s being very poor and their possibility of discovering profitable mining site C. through the help from his second wife D. he planned well and accomplished targets step by step

5. If this passage is the first part of an article, who might be introduced in the following part? A. Tabor ' s life. B. Tabor ' s second wife, Elizabeth McCourt. C. Other colorful characters. D. Tabor ' s other careers.

Vocabulary

1. barren adj. 贫瘠的
2. fabulous adj. 神话般的 , 难以置信的
3. lure vt. 诱惑 , 引诱
4. deposit n. 沉淀 , 储蓄
5. grubstake v. 下注

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