

**THE SADDLE HILL GOLDFIELD. OTAGO DAILY TIMES, 13 JULY 1895**

TO THE EDITOR.

I see you have a letter in to-day's paper about, the unemployed going prospecting and that they might try Saddle Hill. I was working the battery for the company at Saddle Hill and know all about the mine as well and am sure that your correspondent is right in saying there is a lot of good stone in that mine. The company crushed about 3000 tons of stone. and took about £6000 worth of gold. Professor Ulrich has the figures, and the stone yielded over the tables from 3dwt up to 25dwt to the ton. The mine would have paid well with 10 stamps, and there was water enough for a battery that size, but they put up 30 stamps, and then spent a lot of money in making dams etc. But there was too little water to save the gold properly, and much of the gold went away in the tailings, as has been proved since by its paying to sluice them all over again. I prospected the ground thoroughly after the company stopped. The shaft is 40ft under sea level, and I know that a good shoot of gold came in at that level. I tried to get the ground but could not come to terms with the owners. I believe, with its convenience to coal and railway, it is as good a place and offers as good advantages for the use of cyanide as any in the North Island. Wm Wolters.