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THE MAY-MAZEPPA SILVER MINE.

COLONEL CHARLES EDMUND TAYLOR, PRESIDENT AND MANAGER.

FOUR of the oldest families of old Virginia—**Thurston**, Wright, Anderson and Taylor—have a worthy representative in Colonel Charles Edmund Taylor, now of Denver, and President of the famous May-Mazeppa Consolidated Milling and Mining Company, and Vice-President of the Colorado Mining Stock Exchange. His highly esteemed father, Dr. Thomas W. Taylor, resides at Henderson, Ky. This son was born July 4th, 1847.

His grandfather, Charles Mynn Taylor, was born in Virginia in 1799, and removed to Kentucky in early life. His great-grandfather, Major **Edmund H. Taylor**, was in the Revolutionary war, and later in the Northwestern Army under General Anthony Wayne. His commission as ensign, is dated November 21st, 1793, and is signed by John Knox, Secretary of War. President John Adams commissioned him Captain, and afterwards Major in the old U. S. Army. The writer has seen these old commissions in the residence of Col. Taylor, where they are prized and priceless heirlooms, while they adorn his parlor walls as home pictures.

Major Taylor was in command of

the Territory of Indiana at one time, with headquarters at the point now known as Jeffersonville.

This warrior-ancestor married into the **Thurston** family, well known to be the Thurstons of England, who, because of their loyalty to Charles I., came to Virginia as Cavaliers, during the Protectorate, and founded a branch of that aristocratic family. President Zachary Taylor derived his lineage from the same source.

These facts are necessary to be understood to appreciate the leading characteristics of Col. Taylor—high mindedness and intrepidity. At fifteen he entered the Confederate army as a member of Company A, 11th Kentucky Regiment. From 1863 to the close of the war he was as courageous a Confederate as he is now an energetic business man, and the remarkably successful manager of immense mining affairs. Much of this determination of character was derived directly from his mother—an Anderson of Scotch-Covenant stock that preserved Presbyterianism to England and America through the shedding of consecrated blood and martyrdom at the stake.

When the mother died the son was twelve years of age. Her dying