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It was not only risky, but extremely dangerous for a small party to venture in the Indian country and stop any length of time, and Bradshaw was a regular Indian stronghold. In the course of two months, however, our intrepid little party of prospectors returned hale and hearty, with not only glowing accounts of their new find, but sixteen hundred dollars in shining gold.

The new discovery was named "Del Pasco", and sold by the discoverers to Jackson Bros., by whom it was successfully worked as long as hand power and a four stamp mill would make it profitable.

His name appears on the Great Register of Yavapai County in 1876 as a voter at Alexandra, age 43, and at Lower Verde in 1882, age 49; a scrapbook in the old Governor's Mansion at Prescott indicates that his true name was John W. Rose and that he died there on September 20, 1884, aged 52. Buried _____ Cemetery.

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