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PORTIA.

Mining Company Formed--Prominent Arrivals and Departures.

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A company has been formed at Powhatan and Black Rock for the purpose of investigating the hills around the above named places in search of gold, silver and other precious metals, which are said to abound in Lawrence county. Some of the wealthiest men in Powhatan have taken stock in the company, and say if anything can be found that will pay working they will commence operations at once.

Mr. A. S. St. Mary and family have gone to Bonita Springs, near Black Rock, for their health to spend the summer.

W. S. Morgan departs today for a trip through Minnesota, Nebraska and other northern states.

Mr. Maxwell Coffin, from New York city, son of Hon. James P. Coffin of Powhatan, is visiting relatives and friends in this county.

Mr. Ferd Coffman and sister, Miss Eulalia Coffman, have returned from Caledonia, Mo., where they have been attending school the last year.

Misses Clara and Addie Stuart, daughters of Lawrence county's estimable sheriff, C. A. Stuart, came home last week from Searcy, where they attended school the last year.

Rev. F. E. Taylor preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. J. L. Sexton at this place yesterday. A large congregation was here.

Hon. R. H. Crockett of Dewitt, Arkansas county, has accepted an invitation to be present and speak to his many friends July 4, at the grand celebration to be held in Portia on that day.

Mrs. Dr. Wells of Powhatan leaves Tuesday for Batesville to attend the commencement exercises of the school at that place, where her son, Walter Wells, graduates this term.

A young man, whose name I could not learn, while swimming in Black river, at Black Rock, was drowned last week.