

Gold Rush

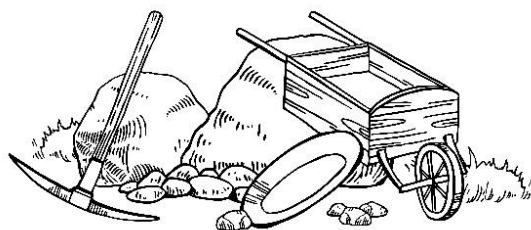
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Find five cause-and-effect relationships from the text and show them below.

cause (why?)	→	effect (what happened?)
cause	→	effect
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Gold Rush Answers

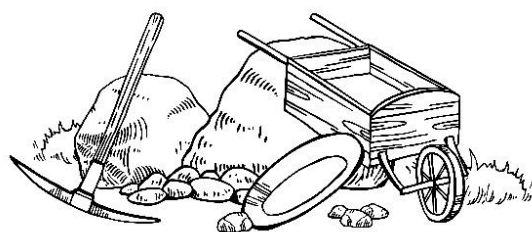
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