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The Craven Herald September 3rd 1887. Page 6 Col. 4.

Swaledale - Lead Mining Prospects - The Whitaside mining ground has just been inspected by a number of gentlemen, including Mr Hosking, South Devon, Dr McClure, London, Captain Retallic (Manager, Hurst Lead Mine), Mr Rodwell (Manager, Keld Heads Mining Company), Mr Barker (Agent to Mr Charlesworth). This mining ground is considered a very desirable one, and no doubt it will meet with a good number of shareholders. Now that the above mines seem in a fair way of being reopened it may be as well to repeat an almost forgotten legend respecting the same. Once upon a time, or so the story runs, a man was chasing a presumably refractory cow along a part of Whitaside Moor known as Green Hill Edges. In her mad career the cow slipped and slid, after the manner of cows, displacing the turf in a long slide. The man following, immediately stopped short at the slide, his eyes riveted in amazement on beholding where the cow had upturned the sod, a mass of blue glittering lead ore etc., etc.

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Swaledale - Mining - The opening of Whitaside Lead Mines is being still delayed, though anxiously expected by the miners of the Dale. Col. Charlesworth's duty lead of 1/17th is considered to be very low. It is also stated that Col. Charlesworth has promised the first twenty five pounds the mines bring him in towards the new Conservative Club room in contemplation at Low Row. A few of the miners have obtained work at the new water works at Middleham.