Across
5. one of the most valuable minerals
8. area that undergoes rapid economic and population growth
9. a cry of joy or satisfaction when one discovers something
10. container used to separate gravel from gold
11. the main vein of ore in a deposit
12. seizing another’s claim of land, especially for mineral rights

Down
1. 31st State in the US
2. the person who discovered gold in California
3. town in California where gold was first found
4. sawmill where gold was found, beginning the gold rush
6. the act of extracting ores or coal from the Earth
7. gold rush participant