

believing that the nugget before mentioned  
came from that locality. However after a  
short absence from Melbourne he returned  
home without finding the Colour of Gold although  
he was prospecting in the same locality where  
the first payable Gold field was discovered  
by Edmond Sparty who after much trouble  
obtained the Government Reward for the same

In 1847 A Mr. Rae was following his trade of a  
Blacksmith at The Old Ferry Creek situated  
on the direct line between Melbourne & Portland  
The Portland Mail Cart passed weekly and was  
owned and driven by one "Jerry" who hailed  
from The Emerald Vale could neither read  
or write - but was a most civil, kind & obliging  
man of staid & sober habits. When arriving  
at a postal station (The Roadside Inn) which in general  
were situated from 20 to 30 miles apart from each other  
the landlord on the look out for The Royal Mail, and when  
arrived would accost Jerry thus - Any letters for me  
Jerry? - Sure I don't know - ye's can pick them  
out if there be's any for ye's and sending the  
action to the word would empty the contents of  
the letter bag on to the table in the room of the  
public house exclaiming there now - ye's can pick  
them out if there be's any of ye's and the neighbours  
too and put the others back in the bag again  
I have repeatedly seen this method carried out during  
my residence at The Emu Hotel Waddy Yallock  
for a period of six months - & for that period I  
never know of a letter being lost or mis-carried  
During the time of Mr. Rose's residing at Ferry Creek  
he became acquainted with a Shepherd who tended a