

William Monroe Courtis (1842-1922) was a superintendent and manager of mines and smelters in Michigan, New Mexico, Colorado, California. He patented an improved mill apparatus for saving waste in mine tailings. Courtis spent five years of his career looking for large deposits of potash in the United States.

In 1903 A.I.M.E. Transactions, he announced the discovery of what he believed to be platinum group element "amarillium." It seems to be part of the apocrypha of chemistry, the "lost elements"

