

NEWS OF MONTANA CAMPS

MINES AND MINING

STORIES OF PROSPECTS AND PRODUCERS

A PONY PRODUCER

THE PAN-AMERICAN IS PANNING OUT ALL RIGHT.

TWO LARGE SHIPMENTS MADE

Last One Nettle the Owners Nearly \$3,000—More Men Like James Ervin Needed in the District.

Judge Macfadden arrived Monday with the returns on a carload of ore from the Pan-American mine, which he and J. M. Ervin have under lease and bond, says the Pony Sentinel.

Second Shipment of Ore. This is the second big shipment, but besides taking out the ore a great deal of dead work has been done and a mine made out of a prospect.

WORKING THE SUNDAY.

A Mill Secured With Which to Reduce the Ore.

Daniel Arms came over from Butte Saturday and spent several days in town on business for the Montana Gold Mining company of Butte, now operating the Sunday mine in the Royal district.

FROM OVER THE LINE

MINES ARE YIELDING OVER TWO TONS PER DAY.

BUTTE MAN SUPERINTENDENT

He Says the Product Is First Class and Is Being Sold in This Country and Europe—It Is a Hard Metal.

George F. Bartlett, for many years a millwright in this city, but now superintendent of operations at the property of the Canada Corundum company's mines at Comberens, Ont., left yesterday for Canada after a week's visit in Butte.

In speaking of the company's property Mr. Bartlett says that the mines are one large corundum deposit and are being developed by means of an open cut about 80 feet wide.

The location of the company's property is on the Modowaska river, about 125 miles from Ottawa.

According to statistics, the company is producing two-thirds of the world's supply.

Corundum is the hardest substance known, the diamond excepted. Chemically it is alumina-oxygen and aluminum in a crystalline form.

Rich Tonopah Ore.

Gen. Charles S. Warren received several specimens of ore from the Tonopah mining district of Nevada a few days ago and had three assays made from them.

Some of the unused pieces are now on exhibition in the street window of the Tuttle-Greene jewelry house, in Main street.

MOUNTAIN OF GOLD

THAT IS WHAT BROWN SAYS OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN.

LOOK OUT FOR SNOW SLIDES

Several Men Killed by Them on the Trail—Civilization Ceases After Warrens Is Passed—No Supplies for Sale.

H. B. Brown, manager of the Brown Trading company of Grangeville, Idaho, arrived in this city yesterday from a trip into the Thunder Mountain mining district, says the Spokesman-Review.

"Thunder Mountain is a veritable mountain of gold," said Mr. Brown. "Despite the more or less wild speculation which naturally follows the scramble for wealth in a newly discovered gold field, despite the difficulties to be encountered in reaching the district and the limited area of the known mineral belt, it is the opinion of all old and experienced prospectors who have visited the camp that it is destined to become the richest gold producing district in the United States."

Not a New Discovery.

"While it has been known for years that the country drained by the middle fork of the Salmon river was a mineral belt, it is only by the recent discoveries of the Caswells on Thunder Mountain, or Vinegar hill, that the remarkable values were made known to the outside world.

"Fine gold, copper and silver-lead properties have been discovered and the apparent resources of the region are only limited by the inaccessibility of the location."

Trip Into Thunder Mountain.

"I left Grangeville Friday, February 15, and arrived at the Dewey mine the following Tuesday. My route was via Whitebird, Freedom, Goff Swans, Resort, Warrens, and thence over the mountain trail to Thunder Mountain via Elk, Big and Monumental creeks. I made the trip by stage from Grangeville to Goff, a distance of 50 miles. At Goff I took horses and went through to Snow Shoe cabin, about eight miles north of Resort. The eight miles into Resort were made on snowshoes."

"There is no feed south of the Salmon river, hence I had to send back my horse at Snow Shoe cabin. From Resort I made my way on foot to Warrens over the horse trail, thence partly by snowshoes to Copper camp across the divide. The following day I arrived at the Dewey mine, having encountered at no places over three feet of snow."

"My route from Warrens was via Smeads to the mouth of Elk creek, thence up Elk creek and across the divide at its headwaters to the headwaters of Big creek, thence down Big creek to Monumental creek up Monumental creek to Mule creek, and up this stream to the Dewey property. I regard this as the best of the several routes into Thunder Mountain."

Warrens Key to Situation.

"Warrens will be the key to the situation this year. It is reached by wagon road via the Weiser, and the Spokane-Lewiston-Grangeville routes. The road is now broken through to Resort for sleighs and wagons and will be put through to Warrens just as soon as possible. There are but three feet of snow on Secesh Flats, hence no difficulty will be encountered. Passengers and freight will be taken through to Warrens via Grangeville and Florence just as soon as there is sufficient business offered to justify the trips."

"The bulk of the supplies for the camp must go in via this route, and of course, Spokane and Lewiston will be the supply and outfitting centers."

Stites-Dixie Route.

"The Stites-Elk City-Dixie route will make a short-cut for many old time prospectors familiar with the country, but to those unfamiliar with the country, it presents many difficulties not met with via the Warrens route. The Elk City route crosses the Salmon river at Campbell's, and then passes through Champlain basin to Big creek, where it joins the Warrens route."

"The prospector who wants to make a cheap trip without buying feed for his horses should go via Grangeville, Whitebird and Goff, thence up the Salmon river to the state bridge, and thence via wagon road to Warrens. Stations via the Grangeville route are about 15 miles apart and food for man and beast can be had at these stations in transit, but no supplies can be purchased."

A Word of Caution.

"There is a word of caution to those going in early and that is snow slides, there were but six inches of snow on the slopes of Elk summit, but this was sufficient to cause the avalanche which caught the party of prospectors which days ago. Edward Myers, the only survivor, saved his life by starting toward the approaching avalanche, while his companions became panic stricken and turned down the mountain, but were overtaken by the slide and killed. The party took a cut-off to save two miles. As I came out I met the dog train going into rescue the dead bodies of the men buried in the snow."

"It is also necessary for all going into the camp to take with them sufficient supplies to last them during their stay, as there is absolutely no supplies in the camp for sale. Up to Warrens meals and lodgings are furnished at the post-houses, but beyond Warrens civilization ceases. While there is less snow in the mountains than ever before known, I should not advise an earlier start than April 1 to those unacquainted with mountain travel, although old settlers claim that spring has made her appearance in the land. Crows, blackbirds and robins were met with on the trip out last week."

SCHWAB'S VENTURE

SENATOR PLATT WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOR.

BRETHREN OF AMEN CORNER

Women Could Only Look on and Not Taste of the Good Things Set for the Prince at New York Dinner.

(Special Correspondence.)

New York, March 4.—Senator Thomas C. Platt will be the guest of honor at a feast of the "Brethren of the Amen Corner," in the Fifth Avenue hotel, on April 4. Those bidden to this feast include many of the most prominent statesmen and politicians in the country, and newspaper men and others who have frequented the old "Amen Corner" in the famous hostelry where republican national headquarters used to be located, where the republican state committee still maintains its headquarters and where Senator Platt makes his home.

Partisan politics, however, will not dominate the "Amen Corner" dinner, for among those who will attend will be Platt republicans and anti-Platt republicans; Bryan democrats, Hill democrats and all other kinds of democrats.

The guests will number between 300 and 400, and the dinner will be served in the banquet hall of the hotel, where the last large banquet held was a dinner to Grover Cleveland before he became president. Many novel features are being prepared by the committee of arrangements.

Schwab's Latest Venture.

A story is going the rounds in Paris to the effect that Mr. Schwab, before leaving Paris, was introduced to Mr. Nagelmackers, the active manager and president of the wagon-lits company. Mr. Nagelmackers had put off a projected journey to St. Petersburg in order to meet Mr. Schwab.

The result of the meeting was of no small importance, for when it was over Mr. Nagelmackers carried away the steel king's signature as a shareholder of the new wagon-lits to shares to the value of 2,500,000 francs (\$500,000).

No Board of Control for Them.

The State Charities Aid association has issued a reply to the arguments in the memorandum filed by Governor Odell in approving the bill abolishing the boards of managers of the state hospitals for the insane. The reply says:

"The governor instances 23 cases of extravagance or inefficiency on the part of members of these boards. Upon a careful study of the accusations it is found that 18 of them are based on a misunderstanding of the facts, while three at least of the five which can be substantiated refer to the system which was in existence previous to the establishment of the state care system now in operation, and the estimate system, which makes it necessary for the boards of managers to secure the approval of the state commissioners in lunacy and the controller before making any expenditure."

Women May Only Sniff Dinner.

There is no entertainment in connection with the visit of Prince Henry to this city which created so much interest and curiosity as what is known as the business men's luncheon, which was given to him at Sherr's. While the guests were restricted entirely to male members, J. Pierpont Morgan and his fellow committeemen, who organized the affair, decided to allow ladies to occupy the galleries of the great ball room, where this apotheosis of American gastronomy took place.

"While the women, therefore, had the privilege of gazing on the prince and the other foreign visitors, and of hearing the words of wisdom that fell from the lips of the foremost leaders of American finance, trade and industry, they were subjected to the tantalizing spectacle of seeing the greatest masterpieces of culinary art without being able to obtain a taste of them."

It was not very chivalrous on the part of Mr. Morgan and his friends, and the prince would have carried away with him a far better idea of American gallantry toward women if the latter had been given seats at the table and allowed to share in the repast instead of being asked to content themselves with its mere perfumes, which, no matter how savory, are never satisfying."

PLENTY OF ORE.

A Butte Man Explodes an Eastern Hallucination

The last issue of the Boston News Bureau says:

A Montana mining man who has had 22 years experience in the mining district of Butte says: "I find some misapprehension exists in the East with respect to the copper mines of our district, the opinion prevailing in some quarters that the mines are growing poorer with depth. The Anaconda, for instance, is not the worked-out shell which some Eastern men claim it to be, and there is as rich ore in the bottom workings of the Neversweat mine as has ever been taken out in the upper levels. Anaconda is today, in my opinion, intrinsically worth \$50 per share. "The much despised Butte & Boston, which suffered from the injudicious management of earlier days, is developing into a profitable piece of property. The mine has gone through the iron capping, or 'iron horse' and has found rich ores. I understand Butte & Boston is today producing about 10,000,000 pounds of copper per annum, and doing it at a very satisfactory profit. Mr. Gillette, the superintendent, has but few equals in the country, and can be depended upon to get all that of the property that there is in it."

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COUNT VON BUELOW IS OUT OF POLITICS

HE REPLIES TO A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT ABOUT HENRY'S TRIP. LAYS DOWN LAW TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

MUST NOT BE ACTIVE WORKERS

Federal Administration Has No Concern in Political Matters and Appointees Must Attend to Their Offices.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 4.—The following statement was made public at the White house today: After inquiry as to what the president's views were in regard to the political activity, especially in any factional difference within the party, of his appointees, Major Hogan stated to the president that he would be compelled to withdraw his name from consideration in connection with the appointment of internal revenue collector for the southern district of Illinois, as he desired to continue actively to participate in the politics of the state.

The president reiterated to various Illinois representatives both in congress and in executive offices, that he expected his appointees in Illinois to keep clear of any active factional work; that the election of a senator from Illinois was for the Illinois people only to decide, and that he expected the federal appointees in that state to serve their party by doing their work in their respective offices in first-class shape, and by refraining from any improper or factional activity in connection with matters with which the federal administration had no proper concern.

GENERAL HUGHES' TESTIMONY.

He Explains About the Military Plans on the Island of Samar.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 4.—The testimony given by General Hughes before the senate committee on the Philippines yesterday dealt entirely with the military conduct of affairs in the island of Samar, where the massacre of Balangiga occurred last fall. He said the natives of that island had been invited to locate near the stations of the United States troops and that when he left the island last September about 20,000 out of a total population of 250,000 had thus located.

They had been advised that it was necessary for them to pursue this course in order to secure protection. In the cases where the natives of a village were found harboring insurrectionists the village was generally burned. General Hughes said that as a rule the policy in a given section is toward severer treatment, as the insurrection grows in point of time. He said, however, that the policy to be pursued was generally determined by the officers in command.

Sights a Derelict.

(By Associated Press.)

Victoria, B. C., March 4.—The marine observer at Point Carmath reports sighting a derelict sailing schooner awash with her main mast and sails dragging in the sea. What was thought to be corpses were seen in the rigging.

Returned to Quarantine.

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, March 4.—The transport Meade, which sailed for Manila on Saturday night, returned late tonight flying the yellow flag and anchored at the quarantine station. The quarantine detention was due to a case of smallpox and on account of a case of scarlet fever among the recruits aboard.

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