

NEWS OF MONTANA CAMPS

MINES AND MINING

STORIES OF PROSPECTS AND PRODUCERS

SNOW NEAR LIBBY

ITS DEPTH INTERFERES WITH MINING WORK.

WILL START THE SILVER CABLE

But It Cannot Be Done Yet Awhile—Mustang Company May Erect a Mill During the Year.

John L. Hart, manager of the Silver Cable Mining company came down from that property this week and left last night for Missoula, says a Libby dispatch to the Helena Record.

On account of the condition of the roads, nothing further can be done for about two months. Another drawback is the amount of snow in the Silver Cable canyon, it being about five feet on the level at that place.

The Silver Cable is considered one of the big properties of the Libby district. The development consists of about 1,700 feet of tunnels and upraises and there is a 50-ton concentrator connected with the upper workings by a tramway.

The work done the past winter was for the purpose of uncovering the ore lower down the mountain, and reports from there are to the effect that in this they have been successful.

The property is owned largely in Missoula. The vein is about six feet wide and the values are in gold, silver and lead. The ore is easily susceptible to concentration and will probably go from twelve to fifteen into one.

Prospects for a Mill.

G. H. Shawler, manager of the Mustang Consolidated Mining company, arrived in Spokane, and said the prospects for his company putting in a mill this summer was encouraging.

The company owns three claims in the West Fisher gold belt and the principal work has so far been done on the Mustang claim. The vein is about four feet wide and carries values in free milling gold. In the vein is a streak of hematite, which goes over a hundred dollars in gold and this streak is about a foot in width.

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TWO MINING COMPANIES JOIN HANDS UP NORTH.

Property to Be Operated Comprises Ten Claims Containing Cyanide Ore and Plenty of It.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED

A deal has been consummated whereby the Paymaster Mining Co., in the North Moccasin has been merged into the Abbey Cyanide Gold Mining & Milling Co., under which name the new organization is known.

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Half Interest Sold.

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A HARD BLOW AT WILDCATS.

A most sensible provision has been enacted by the governing committee of the Colorado Springs Mining Stock exchange that will put an end in all future times to the indiscriminate floating companies and rushing them out on the local boards.

A resolution was adopted requiring that no prospect stock applying for listing be placed on the board until after the application be in the hands of the listing committee 90 days.

The resolution was referred to the governing committee with a recommendation that it be adopted. The effect of this resolution is that in case of booms such as that of 1899, if there is a board of new flotations launched they cannot be listed until within 90 days after flotation.

In this manner a healthful restraint would be put on such flotations which would tend greatly to discourage them. As it was in the boom two years ago, the matter of fact was that there were many companies which were floated in a day and the incorporators were out of them within three hours of announcing their flotation.

Speculation is rife as to just what is happening over at Richmond, says the Madisonian. It seems to be the general opinion that the Revenue-Monitor and the Columbus groups are to be consolidated, together with some 25 or 30 new and old locations—the whole flat to be incorporated in one organization.

It is also thought that the Kennett and Kearsarge will be included in the deal. This will mean a lively time on the hill this summer.

The Shafter stamps keep pounding away with satisfactory results to the company. The two Keystone claims are being opened up by the Shafter people, who have a bond upon the property from the Eiling estate.

The old workings were in rather poor shape, but that was not minded, as a good body of ore was uncovered almost at the beginning of work. Development is being pushed in the north drift of the General Shafter to connect it with the lower workings in Keystone No. 1. The outlook is very bright.

The Red Bluff mine, at Red Bluff, is about to resume operations. Charles B. Austin, manager of the company, returned from Denver the latter part of last week. He stated that the work of reworking the shaft would begin today, and that miners would be put on as soon as possible.

The company has let the contract for a 100-ton concentrator. Work upon the excavations and buildings will begin at once.

Quaint, queer, querulous. The late Col. John Cockrell, in the Cosmopolitan Magazine said: "There are three unique cities in America and one of these is Salt Lake City."

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CHOKED TO DEATH

KEISSIG ON THE STAND TELLS HORRIBLE STORY.

MADE A DESPERATE STRUGGLE

Murder of Carrie Larsen on the Boat Peerless Described by an Eye Witness—The Boy Gives Damaging Evidence.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Apr. 2.—Robert Keissig, whose accusation brought about the arrest of Louis Toombs, for the murder of Carrie Larsen, last summer, was placed on the witness stand. The court room was crowded with people who had come to hear the details of the most revolting crime in the history of Chicago for years past.

The prisoner appeared interested, but his interest seemed to be absolutely impersonal. A rope with which Keissig said the unfortunate woman was bound, and pieces of iron with which the witness said the body was weighted were produced and admitted as evidence.

Keissig said that Toombs had gone to an employment agency and having met Carrie Larsen, promised her work as assistant cook on the boat Peerless, then lying here fast in the ice.

The boy Keissig, who was 19 years old, averred that on the night of the murder he was lying in a bunk in the boat.

Toombs, he said, was undressed and also lying down. He saw Carrie Larsen in her stateroom.

Ordered Her Out.

In order to get her out, he said Toombs ordered her to come out and cook his supper. She left her room only to be attacked by Toombs. He assaulted her, witness said, and so frantically did she battle that in doing so Toombs choked her to death.

Toombs laid down for a while, leaving the body of the girl on the floor.

Keissig, horrified into speechless horror still stared from his berth. What happened after Toombs again rose is not printable.

Witness shuddered as he told the story and there were many averted heads in the court room. Attorney Burns says this is the first time in the history of Chicago that such a charge has been uttered against an alleged murderer.

Witness regained his composure when asked to tell of the disposal of the body. He declared that Toombs tied the rope around it, weighted it, and then ordered Keissig to help him to carry it to a hole in the ice near the boat.

This was done and Keissig said that for some days afterward he was afraid to speak, fearing that Toombs would kill him.

WOMEN IN STOCK YARDS.

More Than 5,000 of Them at Work in Chicago in Canning Shops.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Slowly but irresistibly women and girls are forcing men out of the lighter work that is done at the stock yards. Thousands of them are employed in the packing and canning factories there, and if the business grows as it has done within the last three years thousands more will be used. In no case, however, are the women working at anything but what might be termed "kitchen work," such as cutting dried beef, packing cans, stuffing sausages and labeling cans.

Dread had been aroused by this growth of female labor in the yards, and many of the social settlement leaders fear the time may come when the girls will use the knife even in slaying. So great has this become that Miss Mary McDowell of the University of Chicago settlement suggested it at a meeting of the Woman's Union Label league.

General opinion in the yards, however, is that the day is still far distant when the girls actually will take a hand in the killing even of a chicken.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 women and girls are on the payroll of the various stock yards houses. They form 75 per cent of the employees in the canning factories. In both concerns the girls, while taking work that once was done by men, are hired to do only the lighter grades of labor.

In one of the rooms where 40 girls were busy painting cans, and where the fumes of the paint were heavy, all were asked if they liked their work, whether they got sufficient pay, and whether they were willing to give up their places to men.

"Like my work?" asked Jennie Laughlin. "Sure I do. The pay beats that of my sister down on State street to all hollow. Why, I was off two days of last week and still made \$9. Don't think for a minute that I am going to give up this job to any man. Cutting him out? Sure, I am, but what's the dir?"

"The question is right here," said James Rostande, who works in the packing department of Armour & Co. "The girls have been coming in here by the hundreds and they have taken the light work. There is not a girl and never will there be a girl or woman who will use the knife for slaughtering purposes, but they have taken the easy money-making jobs. Their fingers are more deft than ours, and where strength is not necessary they are doing well. I am under the impression that no man has been forced out of work, but they have been forced out of easy work."

The girls cut and pack dried beef and label the cans. Beef is cooked for extracts and then packed by them. They called "kitchen work." In addition to that, the canning companies have their girls solder the cans and feed the tin machines.

When Edison Could Hear. (New York Tribune.)

Thomas A. Edison is deaf, but, like many whose hearing is defective, he sometimes understands what is said when least expecting to comprehend. There were visitors one day at his laboratory, to whom, as usual, he was polite, although busy, and he patiently answered many questions unnecessarily.

Finally one of the visitors, the humorist of the party, said to another: "Everybody would hear if we asked him to take a drink." "Yes," said Edison, looking directly at the man, and smiling, "yes, even I; but no, thank you; not today."

GRON'S CHARGES

PRESIDENT ASKED TO DEFER ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION.

WAIT FOR THE INVESTIGATION

Senator Bacon Hopes to Get a Report From the Committee Before Clinching the Deal on the Danish West Indies.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 2.—In the executive session of the senate Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, offered a resolution requesting the president to defer the issuance of the proclamation announcing the acquisition of the Danish West Indies under the terms of the treaty recently negotiated with Denmark until the pending investigation of the charge of bribery should be concluded by the house of representatives.

The resolution provoked a smart debate and was participated in by Senators Bacon and Money, both democratic members of the committee on foreign relations, on the one side, and Senators Cullom, Lodge, Hanna, Allison, Nelson and other republicans on the other side.

In presenting the resolution Senator Bacon said he brought it to the attention of the senate out of a sense of duty and of high regard for the position of that body before the country.

He outlined the charges made by Mr. Gron, to the effect that M. Christmas, another subject of Denmark, had made a report to the effect that he was to receive ten per cent of the consideration of \$5,000,000 to be paid by the United States to Denmark for the islands, and that Christmas in his report had mentioned the names of several persons to whom he had paid money.

Mr. Bacon said that he did not for a minute accept this report as true, but felt that inasmuch as the house had taken sufficient cognizance of it to order an investigation the senate should take some steps in view of its recent action in ratifying the treaty, looking to the suspension of final action by this country.

He did not believe that the senate should reconsider its action of ratification, but there would be no imprudence, he thought, in asking the president to hold the matter up temporarily or finally in case it should be proved that the charges were not without foundation.

The speaker was interrupted frequently by republican senators, and when he took his seat there were several of them on the floor ready to respond to his suggestion.

SHOULD ADOPT FREE TRADE.

British Empire Too Widely Separated to Have One Policy.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 2.—In a letter to the Times Sir Robert Giffen, the statistician, declares that the British empire cannot become a Zollverein (a trade league or customs union) for the simple reason that its constituent parts are not contiguous, but widely separated and with greatly divergent interests.

Sir Robert expressed his doubt as to whether any scheme of commercial union on a basis of reciprocity is practicable, and says he thinks the simpler plan would be for the colonies to adopt free trade.

Republican Ticket Wins.

(By Associated Press.)

Albuquerque, N. M., April 2.—The republican ticket gained a sweeping victory in the city election here yesterday. A similar result is reported from Raton, while a mixed ticket carried the day at Las Vegas, the mayor being republican.

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LEGION OF HONOR

CELEBRATED FRENCH ORDER TO ORGANIZE IN NEW YORK.

MOTION TO CHANGE THE NAME

General Sickles Wanted to Make the Society National and to Take in All American Members of the Order.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 2.—Plans for the formation of a society to be composed of American members of the French order of the Legion of Honor has been discussed at a luncheon given here on board the French liner Savoir. The difference of opinion as to the scope of the proposed society was manifest and no decision was reached.

A meeting will be held April 10 in Washington under the presidency of Ambassador M. Cambon. Thirty-three members of the order were present at the meeting on the Savoir.

It was recommended that the society be named the New York Society of the Legion of Honor of France and that it be local in its scope; that the officers consist of the president, four honorary presidents, a first and second vice-president, a treasurer and a secretary, and that French members of the order be admitted to membership in the society without the right to vote.

General Sickles offered an amendment to the report making the society national instead of local in its scope and opening it to all American members of the order.

He also suggested that its title be changed to the Society of the Legion of Honor of France.

This proposal caused a friendly but animated discussion and it was finally agreed to postpone further consideration of the subject until the gathering in Washington.

During the interval the report of the committee will be talked over by the members of the order.

Edmunds Didn't Know the Senator.

(Washington Post.)

Some years ago Idaho sent a man to the senate whose name was McConnell. He enjoyed a brief term of about five or six weeks, and then he disappeared. Yesterday Mr. Connell visited the senate chamber again. Very few of the senators knew him.

His presence, however, recalled the fact that when he was in the senate he lifted up his voice and delivered a speech. He was then an almost utter stranger. Old Senator Edmunds looked at him in astonishment.

"Who is this man talking?" asked Edmunds of a page.

"Senator McConnell of Idaho," responded the boy.

"Well," said Edmunds, "when it comes to the point that in the United States senate a man can make a speech whom I never saw before, I think it is time for me to leave."

And then Mr. Edmunds, in disgust, retired to the cloak room.

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