

NEWS OF MONTANA CAMPS

MINES AND MINING

STORIES OF PROSPECTS AND PRODUCERS

FIRCH IN SPOKANE

HE IS INTERESTING CAPITAL IN MINES AND COAL LAND.

PLANS OF HIS CORPORATION

It Will Build a Smelter, Railroad, a Town and Sawmill—Property Is Said to Be 130 Miles South of Butte.

J. F. Firch of Butte, president of the Eriega Copper & Coal Mining & Smelting company, is in the city and is interesting local capital in the company, says the Spokane Chronicle.

The company is planning for some extensive improvements on its property during the coming summer. A smelter is to be placed on the mine at a cost of between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

The Eriega company is backed by some of the best known mining men of Montana, including J. G. Firch, Charles L. Ancency and S. W. Sweetland.

Will Build a Smelter.

Aside from the mining claims and coal lands the company owns a large tract of land which it claims will some day be a good-sized city.

The smelter to be constructed this summer will treat ore by the new process, the crude ore being put right into the furnace without first being crushed.

Mr. Firch came to Spokane for the special purpose of interesting local capital, he having entered into negotiations with Spokane men before coming to the city.

MINES IMPORTANT

SECRETARY MAHON SPEAKS OF GROWTH OF THE WEST.

PROSPECTOR OPENS EMPIRE

Man Who Digs in the Ground Makes Civilization Possible and Adds to World's Wealth.

"The man who makes a fortune on the board of trade, or on the stock exchange, or in building up a gigantic business, adds not one cent to the world's state of available wealth," said Secretary Mahon of the miners' congress.

"The world, in other words, is no richer because he is richer. He is richer, rather, because some one else is poorer. On the other hand the miner, whether he digs out \$10 or \$100,000, adds that much to the world's wealth, and with that added wealth contribute just that much to the possible amount of the world's comfort and happiness.

"Few explorers have ever endowed a nation with a richer dower than the prospector; he it was who gave California, Colorado, Montana, Idaho and the great West to civilization. But for the prospector and the products of his discoveries there would be no great West today.

Importance of Mining. "It is claimed that the agricultural products of the country exceed that of its mineral. The mining industry can well afford to acquiesce in this claim, since permanent and substantial gain belongs to our mineral product.

"For example, at the end of each and every year the agricultural product is consumed, even in its production, part of the previous supply being destroyed as seed. This is not a feature in mining; on the contrary, the mining industry is constantly adding to the permanent stock of the world's wealth.

"Much of our precious metals are by nature in forms that bear no resemblance to the brilliancy of the molten metal. Sometimes it is concealed in a thousand times its volume of worthless rock; but the ingenuity of man extracts it in perfect purity, ready for the varied uses of human life, and there is nothing relieves business depression, loosens the bonds of industry and labor as quickly and as certainly as increased supply of the coinage metals of the world.

Production of Mines. "From 1892 until 1898, gold, silver and copper mining were about the only industries that paid dividends, and in fostering and advancing the mining industry, which is the aim and purpose of the International Mining congress, holding its fifth annual session in Butte, September 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1902, we give practical recognition to the great solid and lasting rock upon which rests the success of all our other industries."

FINDS IN FERGUS

THEY ARE NUMEROUS AND VERY PROMISING.

FORMATION OF THE RANGE

That of the South and North Moccasins Are Said to Be Identical With Each Other—Ore Is Low Grade.

That pioneer of the mining industry, the prospector, after having introduced to the notice of capitalists and mining men the North Moccasin, has turned his attention to what is known as the South Moccasin, which is evidently a continuation of and formerly a part of the golden range which contains the Kendall and the Barnes-King mines.

Reports of rich finds have been arriving weekly from that new mining district and in order to investigate the matter of Lewistown Argus reporter visited the various properties last week. His paper says:

The South Moccasin is but a short distance from Lewistown and the heart of the mountains can be reached by a 10-mile drive, through lower Spring Creek valley or across the prairie to the northwest of the city.

The formation of the range is almost identical to that of the North Moccasin, with the exception that this portion of the range has been subjected, in some prehistoric period, to greater volcanic action, as evidenced by larger and more frequent intrusions of igneous rock throughout the ore bodies.

The mountains have been thoroughly prospected and numberless claims have been located on which the necessary representation work has proved that with further development many of them will undoubtedly become producers and may perhaps equal in value the rich properties situated in the North Moccasin, only a few miles distant.

The main gulch in the South Moccasin is Deal gulch, which runs in an almost northerly and southerly direction. At the head of this gulch, on the westerly side, are located the claims now being developed with very satisfactory results by Messrs. Jetter & Page, who have run several cuts and tunnels in on the main ridge and encountered a low-grade cyanide ore in large quantities.

Directly on the ridge to the west several other likely looking prospects have been opened up and the exploration work is being steadily carried on. Johnny Shea owns a promising property and has for several years been interested in the district. George Hall and Allan Berg are opening up several good looking properties and the Doce, Once and Grace, three claims owned by G. M. Crowley and J. L. Stewart, were thoroughly explored during the winter, with very satisfactory results.

Eastern Slope Dotted. To the east of Jetter & Page's claims are located the Bebb prospects, on which development work is now in progress, and a short distance from them is the property owned and operated by Harry Phillips and others. Directly over the mountain and on the eastern slope of the South Moccasin are situated a number of promising prospects, the principal of which are the Akely group, on which a bond has been taken by E. J. Morrison.

To the north of these properties are the claims owned by George W. Cook, from which some good looking ore has been extracted.

These are only a few of the numberless prospects that have been opened up in this district and many of them, on the apex of the mountain, are still covered with several feet of snow. Comparatively nothing except surface work has been accomplished so far, and it would be impossible to foretell, from the present indications, how rich the district is, but all practical mining men, who have paid a visit to the South Moccasin, agree that cyanide ore exists there in large bodies, which will in the near future be worked to advantage.

The formation where the ore is encountered is practically the same as in the North Moccasin, but taking the mountains as a whole, they are much more broken up and do not show the regularity of formation as encountered in the big ore belt in the North Moccasin. Many outfits are going to work in this district this summer and there is but little doubt but that ere fall many rich properties will have been opened up.

WEALTH FLOWING HIS WAY

Ray Watkins, a lessee in the Rochester district, has made several shipments of high grade ore from his properties and may make a fortune during the term of his lease, says the Madison County Monitor. Good ore has been found in several prospects recently located. Rochester will likely be one of the liveliest little camps in Montana during the present season. There are about 600 men operating in the district.

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PONY MEN EXCITED

STORY OF STRIKE AT SAINT CREEK REACHES THEM.

HIGH ASSAYS OF THE ORE

Ledge Is Said to Be Five Feet Wide—Ore Yields From \$56 to \$26,000 Per Ton in Gold—Lease Secured on the Mountain Cliff.

Mining men of Pony are agog over reports and samples of ore from Sand Creek, says the Pong Sentinel. It is said that citizens there are wild over new discoveries that are reported to have been made, but the exact facts cannot be determined.

R. Dullenty came over from the creek last night and reports that the country has been staked ten miles on the contact from the Whippoorwill mine. It is said that nine assays were taken and sent to various assayers with the result that returns from \$1,000 to \$20,000 were given. It is also claimed that it is sylvanite ore somewhat similar to the Mayflower rock.

Four feet of this is said to have been found between a lime and chert formation. Frank Lindmeyer came in today and corroborates the assay part of the story. He claims to be the only man down there who didn't stake out a claim, but states that the discovery was made by McNichols, McPherson and A. J. McCormick in the Whippoorwill gulch, that the assays run from \$56 to \$26,000 on a five-foot ledge.

Leased the Mountain Cliff. Walter A. Lord, Otto Huffman and Ed Mahoney have secured a lease on the Mountain Cliff mine and with the fine showing of ore in sight will not doubt be highly rewarded for their labor. They will ship a carload as soon as the roads are in a condition for hauling.

It's Here Again! (Baltimore News.)

Look at me! Get a touch of me! I am the Spring Fever. And my intimate acquaintances Have given industry The dinky-dink And gone fishing. Or intend to go; I double Ambition into A Physche knot and I'm looking for work With a shot-gun.

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I am the Coak under which Man conceals an indisposition to Toting a ton of coal of four. Flights of stairs from a sub-Terranean bin. I bring timely excuses For the villain that Dareth to dispute his wife's Right to saddle him with The Responsibility Attaching unto a dirty carpet And a baseball bat!

I am even justification for Him who Setteth at defiance the Statute high non-support. And the average fellow would Rather have a case of Me Than be the Ice-man! I have brought my languorous Parts from sun-kissed Italy and the luxurious Corners of old Madrid, And here I am. Embrace me! Hang onto me! I'm the prevailing malady, And I'm wuthful!

Bryan's Observatory. [Denver Republican.] The ornamental topknot on the Bryan barn is not a cupola—it is a political observatory.

To... Investors

The property known as the Jenny Dell and October claims has been secured by a company formed for developing the same. These claims lie directly west and join the Eveline claim, which has produced \$500,000 at a depth of 300 feet. As the ore bodies of the Eveline pitch directly into the Jenny Dell, the company expects, with the expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money, to open up a paying mine. The company is incorporated with 200,000 shares at a par value of \$1 per share, and has placed on the market 50,000 shares to be sold for exploration purposes at \$1 per share. This proposition merits the fullest investigation. For particulars, etc., inquire at the office of the company, No. 47 East Broadway, Butte, Montana.

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