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LETTER FROM PERU

FORMER BUTTE MAN WRITES A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS.

COUNTRY FULL OF MINERAL

Ore Runs High in Copper and Fair in Silver—Cerro de Pasco Is the Filthiest Place on Earth—Mixture of Nationalities.

Peter Oren, a miner of Butte, who went to South America a few months ago for the purpose of doing some work for A. W. McCune and other members of the syndicate that is preparing for extensive mining operations in that country, has written John Mulligan, Henry Albertson and John Henshaw of Butte a partnership letter.

Oren is in Cerro de Pasco, Peru, near which city the mines of the American syndicate are located. In the letter, he says:

"I have been in this God-forsaken country three months—long enough to enable me to form an opinion of it.

"Cerro de Pasco has a population of about 15,000 persons. It is a mixed population, the majority being natives who are called Chalo Indians. The business men are Italians, Austrians, Spaniards and about five Englishmen—not one American before we blew into the place. We are now 18 strong—15 men and three women.

"The altitude of the place is 14,285 feet above the level of the sea. The climate is not unhealthy, but a fellow gets a little short of wind now and then. A white man cannot be hired for from 30 to 48 cents per day each, the latter figure being the limit for miners; and they are good workers, too.

It Is Awful Filthy.

"Cerro de Pasco is the filthiest place on the face of the earth. Its streets reek with slime from which there arises at all hours of the day and night an odor that would jar the nerves of a sausage maker.

"The city is 218 miles from Lima, the capital of the republic. A railroad runs from Lima to Oroya, 138 miles. From the terminus all goods are packed to Cerro de Pasco on donkeys and lamas. There are about 15,000 of the animals doing duty on the trail.

Greatest on Earth.

"Cerro de Pasco is the greatest mining camp in the world. Outsiders have no idea what this district contains in the way of mineral. The wonder is that Americans have not come in here before this. There is an ore body 1,000 feet wide and more than two miles long right in the city. The first 100 feet of ore carries gold and silver, but below the 100 the ore is copper—it carries from 20 to 60 per cent copper with an ounce of silver to every percentage of the red metal. In addition to the copper and silver it carries a great deal of bismuth. No ore has ever been shipped from here that did not run as high as 25 per cent. The ore is packed on animals to the terminus of the railroad and then shipped by rail to Gallas, a seaport town seven miles from Lima, where it is loaded on ships and taken to Swansea, Wales, for treatment.

"The mines here have been worked for 220 years, but notwithstanding this fact the deepest shaft in the camp is only 240 feet, which is the water level. The way in which the mines are worked would make an American laugh. A claim is limited to 275x550 feet and is usually worked like a stone quarry. A large open cut is first made and then a shaft is sunk on an incline of about 45 degrees. In the foot or bottom of the incline steps are cut so the miners can walk up and down. They carry the ore out in leather sacks. There is no waste to handle—the whole country is a huge deposit of ore.

Country Is Full of Mineral.

"The country for miles around is full of mineral. Nine miles from here an English company is working some gold mines.

"The company I am with is known as the Cerro de Pasco Copper company. It owns several hundred claims. It has just finished a wagon road to Oroya and is sinking three shafts on its mining ground. It is also making other improvements. It has sent to the United States for seven mining and civil engineers and instruments and as soon as they arrive a route for a railroad between this burg and Oroya will be surveyed. The road is to be built as speedily as possible. When the road is complete we expect to have a boom that will make all others pale into insignificance. This is not a pipe dream; the dope is here.

"In a month or so I expect to go on a prospecting trip and get hold of some property, as I did not come here with the expectation of working for wages very long. It is not a very pleasant place in which to live, but I guess I can stand it until I pick up the larger end of that million dollars for which I have long been searching."

LOUIS RUHLE STRIKES IT

Good ore has been found on the claim known as the Iron Lead at Brandon, says the Virginia City Madisonian. This claim has been worked at different times by leasers as well as by the owner, Louis Ruhle of Butte. It seems that heretofore all work has been done too low down and that the lead is up the hill from the old workings. The ore bodies are large and the value good. Mr. Ruhle and his son are at the mine and they say that if the ore holds out they will put up a mill.

WATER IN THE SINBAD

Meyer Genzberger, who with others is operating the Sinbad claim on the flat east of Meaderville, is having trouble with the water in the shaft notwithstanding he has an immense pumping plant with which to handle the moisture. He is now cutting a station at the 700-foot mark. On account of the heavy flow of water, however, progress is slow. The water record is about 1,350 gallons every eight minutes.

A Sewing-Machine Squirrel.

Did you ever see a squirrel run a sewing machine? If not, you may, by journeying to East Fifty-ninth street, New York, where an enterprising sewing-machine company has hit upon this novel method of attracting attention to its store. The exercise wheel in the squirrel's cage is attached by a leather band to the wheel of a machine which is about four feet distant. By means of this arrangement the machine is started every time the squirrel gets into his wheel and turns it.

It is a peculiar fact that whenever the squirrel starts his wheel to spinning he keeps his back toward the street. Never by any chance does he face the street until he has finished his little "stunt." Then he runs out into his cage and sits peering out of the window as though to see if any one had been watching him. He breathes hard and acts tired after each laborious trip in his exerciser, but seems to like it, for he keeps it spinning almost constantly. Moreover, he looks sleek and as though the added work were just what a caged squirrel needed to keep him strong and healthy.

As the sewing machine for which he furnishes the motive power is well oiled and runs smoothly and easily, perhaps the squirrel's work isn't as laborious as it seems to be to the casual onlooker.

BRANDON IS GOOD

SURFACE SHOWING THERE IS CONSIDERED GREAT.

TOLEDO SHAFT IS DEEPEST

Metal in the Ore of the Property Could Not Be Saved by the Machinery in Use—Other Claims Being Worked.

As to the mining outlook in Madison county, the Sheridan correspondent of the Virginia City Madisonian says that Brandon, a mining camp of that section is destined to become one of the best Montana camps outside of Butte. "In Brandon," says he, "one sees the largest veins, the finest surface showings and more of them than in any other section of twice the size. The Toledo group of mines, the Buckeye group, the Lone Tree, the Bullion and many others of less importance have large and well defined leads, from which have been taken many shipments of high grade lead ores. Almost all work has been done on or near the surface, however, and no depth has been reached on any of the properties except the Toledo. The shaft on this claim is down 300 feet and the concentrator was built to treat the ores from that property. The machinery was not suited to the ores and a poor saving was made. The zinc could not be separated from the lead concentrates and the product was not a good one. In short, poor machinery and bad management obliged the operators to shut down. Report says that there was and is plenty of ore in the mine and with modern machinery a clean separation can be made of the zinc and lead and a bi-product made of the former metal, thus making pay out of what has heretofore been loss. Then again, if a good modern plant were installed at Brandon, much custom ore could be treated from the many claims about the place. There is plenty of water for power and the time is not far distant when some company, seeing a chance to make a big thing in Brandon, will take hold of some of the properties, and take hold right."

Doings at Other Mines.

Of other properties he says: "Oden & Co. have purchased a five-stamp mill from Ford & Co. at Silver Star. The mill will be set up on the South Fork mine on Mill creek, which is held under lease and bond by them.

"Mike Burns of Georgia gulch was in town last Saturday. Mr. Burns says he and Nick Traufler are taking out some very fine ore from their claim in that gulch. The ore is very base and carries good values in gold and silver.

"William McDougall was in town last Sunday. He has two men working on the Octopus mine in Bivin's gulch. They are working on ore.

"Henry Pankey and Charles Fuller were down from the Fairview mine Sunday. They are taking out ore and say that the mine is looking well. Mr. Pankey left here for the Easton mine.

"E. Ring of the Nuget Gulch company was in Sheridan last Saturday. He reports the Diamond Hitch looking well and says that they are still sinking and following a fine body of ore.

"G. W. Beery of Butte has been in town for the past week or 10 days. Mr Beery is well known about here as well as in Butte, where he is known as a first-class mill man.

"George Bothwell is still at work on the Agitator in Ramshorn. He is taking out some very good ore and will soon make his second shipment.

"Fourteen feet of ore has been struck in the raise in the Noble mine. This means a great deal, as the property is a good one and will now undoubtedly be worked on a large scale. The mine has been the subject of much talk lately.

"A. C. Green has a fine showing of ore in his claim in the Georgia Gulch country. He has been working there for some time.

"W. H. Godfrey has returned and will resume work on the Wall Street company's properties. Our informant says that all back debts will promptly be settled."

Gates Needs Broad Shoulders.

(New York Times.)

When the bucket shop man entered the cafe with the crush from Wall street, the waiter hurried toward him eagerly.

"I wish I had bought more of that N. G. stock," he began. "It went up all day, just as you said it would."

The broker fidgeted nervously. "I am sorry to say that the stock went back the moment your account was opened—just enough to wipe you out."

"Do you actually mean that I have lost all of my $10?"

"Every cent—and you can lay it to John Gates."

Just at that moment the steel and wire man entered the cafe and drifted to a table where he issued the usual signal.

The waiter heaved a sigh.

"No wonder he can drink champagne," he muttered, darkly.

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CLUB NOTES.

The Homer Club.

On last Monday the Homer club held its final meeting at the home of Miss Goodale, where a most delightful afternoon was spent.

As usual "Current Events" were discussed during the first half hour, after which Mrs. Leonard read the first paper of the day, "Modern Italian Government," written by Miss Nellie Fox of Deer Lodge.

This excellent paper was most thoroughly enjoyed by the club, as it was, in a measure, a resume of what the club has studied during the year, giving a history of the reigns of Victor Emmanuel I, of Charles Albert, the regent, of Victor Emmanuel II and speaking of Cavour as a man of superior talents, large hopes and large plans, and of the part Garibaldi took in Italy's struggle for liberty, of the final fall of Rome, which made Italy free and united. King Humbert was spoken of as the most democratic king of all Europe. The present system of taxation, the power of the Carbonari, the Mafia, the judicial department and the politics of Italy were all ably reviewed.

The policy of Victor Emmanuel III, of whom great things are expected, seems to be internal, not foreign, and he has promised to remedy some of the evils of the hour.

But Italy's salvation lies in her people, not in her sovereign, as it is the people who have the power.

Mrs. Kunkle read a most interesting paper on "Pottery," written by Miss Jessie Blackstone of Anaconda, which said in part: "The knowledge of pottery is as inherent in the human race as is the knowledge that it is good to eat when one is hungry. Of great use it has ever been. Bits of baked clay have preserved for us the history of Babylon and much of our knowledge of Egypt comes from the remains of their pottery." After tracing the art of "pottery" from the earliest time to the present day the paper closed with this thought: Coins rust with time; statues of marble or bronze crumble or are corroded, inscriptions are obliterated; stone walls fall to the earth and the Pyramids themselves are slowly disappearing; every monument that mankind has thought most lasting yields to time except the ware of the potter."

At the conclusion of the program delicious refreshments were served, over which the ladies lingered longer than usual, as this was the very last meeting until next October.

Ethical Culture Club.

Only a short business session was held Tuesday night by the Ethical Culture club. The club received an invitation from Mrs. Kinney McRea to spend Thursday evening at her home on West Galena street, the invitations being promptly accepted. The physical culture department meets with Miss Crangle next Tuesday night.

"Environments and Conditions" was the subject of a short talk by Miss O'Neill. An interesting discussion followed, in which all took an active part. According to the reasoning as set forth by Miss O'Neill it is not only possible but a necessary duty for everyone to cultivate the growth of environment to the extient of being able to change conditions, it being argued that the more one forces one's environment upon conditions the more readily conditions respond.

Intellectual development alone aids greatly in creating new environment, but when united to that of the soul the power becomes transcendent.

Miss O'Neill also gave examples proving that the law of attraction enters into environment as a subtle power ever surrounding one, and that one portrays one's inner self by the impress made upon conditions in the daily life, that to cultivate the nobler ambitions and finer sympathies was to create new environment, consequently change and modify conditions acting upon the other as the sun upon the universe—bringing warmth, light and beauty into all things.

The Woman's Club.

The Woman's club held an interesting session this week and Mrs. Green Majors ably presided, the first time since she was elected second vice president of the club. The discussions on current events was quite exciting when the subject of Mary MacLane and her book came up.

One member said she understood the book was to be put in the public library of Butte, and she thought the Woman's club ought to prevent the further staining of Butte's good name; that it would be a foul blot upon it to allow that book to go into the library where the young people could obtain it. She said she thought the book should be suppressed and Miss MacLane sent to some place where she could be treated for a diseased mind and a sick soul. Every member indorsed her sentiments.

Mrs. Holbrook read a paper written by Mrs. Geoffrey Lauzier on "Gainsborough, Duchess of Devonshire." She described his father and mother and their talents, and then spoke of the early life of Gainsborough. Of his beautiful friendship for Joshua Kirby and his being laid near him in the grave as he requested. She told of his famous medals from Steerne and Garrick to the Duchess of Devonshire.

His fine character, his fondness for music, his generosity, his handsome physique, were all touched upon. She held him up to view in the most kindly light as one of the greatest of English portrait painters. She said he always held that nothing but his best was good enough. She gave in detail the story of the loss of the famous Duchess of Devonshire portrait and of its recovery after so many years just last year.

There was an animated discussion on this paper and incidents of Gainsborough's life and work were narrated. The last thing on the program was a paper by Mrs. T. A. Grigg on "Romney's Favorites—Lady Hamilton."

Monday Night Club.

April 28th, the Monday Night club held a very interesting meeting with Miss Richards on West Granite. The evening was devoted to France. Its history, literature and art from 1825 to 1837.

Miss Coffin opened the program in her usual pleasing manner with a very interesting talk on "French History."

This led to an animated discussion by the club.

Miss Una Madden followed with a talk on "French Literature."

Miss Madden gave most of her attention to George Sands and Victor Hugo, the principal writers of this period.

After a brief discussion Miss Laird read a very interesting paper on "French Art."

The club then devoted a short period to Current Events, and will meet May 5th with Miss Conn, on West Broadway.

West Side Shakespeare Club.

With Mrs. P. A. Mullins at her home on West Broadway the West Side Shakespeare club met Tuesday evening, there being a good attendance. The usual answer to roll-call by means of quotations from the lesson was made by members.

The club read Act II of the "Taming of the Shrew," and this was followed by a lengthy but interesting discussion of the principal characters. A long but very interesting paper was read by Mrs. C. N. Gosman on Katherina and Blanca, contrasting them. It was an exceptionally well-written paper.

When it came to current events everyone had one. The death of Sol Smith Russell, the illness of Queen Wilhelmina, the arrest of Captain Wynne, and the defense of General Smith were all discussed; but when it came to Miss Mary MacLean and her book—Miss Mary's ears must have tingled that night.

The club will meet next Tuesday evening with Miss Crossman on Diamond street.

Echoes From the Clubs.

The Social and Domestic Science department of the Woman's club will meet in Elk's hall parlors next Monday afternoon at 2:30. Refreshments will be served.

The Art department had a most enjoyable meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Lucy Kemper, on West Broadway.

There was a conflict regarding dates at the Woman's club. It was the regular meeting day of the Literature department, also of the executive board. Acting President Majors ruled that the executive board had the right of way. Therefore the board will meet, but the department will not until Mrs. Cheely returns.

Delightful Informal Whist Party.

One of the most delightful affairs of the week was the progressive whist party given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Grigg at their home on West Broadway. The decorations in the rooms and the table were great American Beauty roses and foliage.

The first prize for gentlemen was won by Hugh Crawford Laughlin, a handsome mounted silver blotting affair. His wife, Mrs. Laughlin, won the first prize for ladies, an exquisite miniature framed in a massive gold miniature frame. The second prize for both ladies and gentlemen was a fine seal in marble and gold. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lynch won these and the others declared it was a plant of some kind, two married couples to walk away with the two prizes each.

The hostess had the usual candies during the game and the supper served in the dining room was a marvel of gastronomic joy, from the hot Maryland biscuits to the strawberries and whipped cream; in fact there were so many tempting things that it was nearly 2 o'clock when the guests left the dining room and hied themselves homeward.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Buckles, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shively, Mr and Mrs. Arthur H. Whitcher, Dr. and Mrs. Grigg, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Laughlin, Miss Kitty O'Donnell, Miss Mae Miller, George Clark, Ed Crosier.

Heinze Dinner For Eight.

Mr. F. A. Heinze gave a beautiful dinner on last Sunday, covers being laid for eight. Cut flowers trimmed the table effectively and a choice menu was served. At the table was Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Miss Mabel Cotter, Miss Cullen, Miss Young, Mr. Harry Cotter, Mr. George Clark and Mr. Heinze.

Wednesday evening Mr. L. O. Evans gave a dinner at his bachelor quarters in the Newbro house to a few friends. Ferns and cut flowers trimmed the table. The guests were: Mrs. Epping, Miss Bickford, Miss Jean Sullivan, Captain Stivers and the host.

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