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ELK CREEK MINES

CORUNDUM DEPOSITS THERE ARE BEING OPENED UP.

MILL WILL SOON BE BUILT

Grading for the Foundation Is In Progress—Ore Is Being Raised From the Workings Right Along.

But little has been said lately of the Elk Creek corundum mines of the Montana Corundum company, not for lack of news of interest to the stockholders, but because the company has been pushing the work of development, says the Bozeman Chronicle.

That something is being done at the mines, can be vouched for by the hotel and livery men, who have catered to the comforts of the representatives of the manufacturers and directors who have visited the mine in the past few weeks.

A force of men has been engaged at the mine opening up large bodies of ore for the mill and enlarging the accommodations at the camp, grading roads and excavating for the mill foundations. The masons will commence work next week on the latter.

The gasoline hoist installed at Section 23 shaft, has greatly facilitated the work at this point, largely increasing the amount of rock and ore handled and enabling the men to make rapid progress in the drifts, which are being run east and west of the shaft, and are sending up ore daily to the stock piles.

The drift at 80 feet depth, is adding a large tonnage daily to the ore in sight, and the east drift is opening up known bodies for stopping. On Thursday last a crystal was taken from the west drift, four detached pieces of which weighed six pounds, and measured net, 15 inches. From the symmetry of the crystal it is evident that were the missing fragments supplied the crystal would measure not less than 20 inches in length, three in diameter and weigh about ten pounds. It is a very perfect crystal.

Good Rock in the Sunset.

The Sunset shaft, one mile west of the above, has reached a depth of 52 feet and drifting from the bottom is in 25 feet showing good ore, while a good sized stock pile has been started from the sinking and the drift. The drift is running into the slope of the mountain and thus gaining depth with each foot. The ore is of excellent quality and the development here is looked upon as one of the company's most promising openings. The vein has been opened at a number of other places, but work is confined chiefly to the two shafts so as to provide ample stopping ground for the mill.

The machinery for the mill has been ordered and is to be delivered by June 15th. Timber is cut and on the ground for the mill, and a crew of men is at work quarrying stone for the mill foundations.

A large reserve of ore, sufficient for several months' run of the mill, has been blocked out, aside from that on the dumps, obtained from sinking and drifting.

In view of this excellent condition of the mine itself, the fact that the mill has been ordered and the funds set aside to pay for same, and the supplies; it was thought advisable by those in charge to discontinue the sale of stock at 25 cents per share, and a meeting of the directors was called to consider this question. The meeting was held April

FLAKES OF GOLD

JACK HALEY HAS DISCOVERED A GREAT VEIN.

NO MORE BEANS AND BACON

Ogden Mountain, in Powell County, This State, the Scene of the Find—Ore Assays High in the Yellow Metal.

"I've been eating beans and bacon for three years trying to strike it and I believe I've got it now; if you don't think so look at that."

The speaker was A. J. Haley, better known as Jack Haley. He stood before a pile of specimens of gold bearing ore that would make a tenderfoot's pulse pass the hundred mark, says the Helena Herald. Great flakes of the yellow metal stood out upon the surface of the specimens while other pieces of very fine milling ore showed that they had the real stuff in them.

Mr. Haley returned last night from his mines in Powell county bringing along the proof that there was something in the Ogden group of mines. Mining men looked at the ore today and piled Jack with questions. They realized that it must be pretty good with so much native gold bulging from the pieces of rock.

Gold in Great Flakes.

The Ogden group consisting of seven claims are located about 60 miles northwest of Helena and about eight miles north of the town of Helmsville. The mines are almost upon the top of Mount Ogden, at an elevation of about 8,000 feet. Four tunnels have been driven upon the property and it is in one of these that the rich gold ore was uncovered. Mr. Haley says he had been devoting his attention to other properties until recently, when he decided to do some work in the group in which he has an interest. A few days' work uncovered the lead from which are taken chunks of country rock flaked with pieces of virgin gold some of them a quarter of an inch across in thickness. Mr. Haley will have some of the rock assayed and expects to have way-up returns. He has assays made several months ago by Wilton Brown showing gold returns as high as \$372 per ton.

It was while telling of his good fortune that Mr. Haley remarked that he had been existing for some time upon the favorite diet of the hardy prospector, bacon and beans, and did not doubt his ability to now invade the domain of the beef trust.

Evenly-Matched Battles.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.) "Speaking of the confederate reunion at Dallas," said a statistician who has given some study to the results of the war between the states, "reminds me of a table I ran across recently which dealt with the killed, wounded and missing during the principal engagements of that

29 and resulted in the presence of a full board. The discussion was brief and the directors unanimously decided to discontinue the sale of stock at 25 cents per share.

It is the intention to have the mill in full running order before the end of August. That the Montana Corundum company and the Elk creek mines have come to stay, and to add to the wealth of Gallatin county is a welcome and assured fact both to the stockholders and the residents of the valley.

great struggle. Take Gettysburg, for instance, and we find that 3,070 federal soldiers were killed against 2,592 confederate. We find that 14,497 federal soldiers were wounded and 5,434 were reported missing. At the battle of Chancellorsville 1,696 federals were killed, 9,762 were wounded and 5,919 were reported missing. At the same battle 1,665 confederates were killed, 9,681 were wounded and 2,018 were reported missing. Take the battle of Chickamauga, that fearful siege on the ridge, and we find that 1,656 federals were killed, 9,749 were wounded, and 4,774 were reported missing. The confederate army lost 2,568 killed, 13,619 were wounded and 1,999 were reported missing. Take Shiloh, the scene of another important battle, and we will find that 1,745 federals were killed, 8,498 were wounded, and 2,881 were reported missing, while 1,723 confederates were killed, 8,012 were wounded, and 959 were reported missing. At the battle of Stone's River 1,730 federals were killed, 7,802 were wounded and 3,717 were reported missing. The confederates lost 1,294 men, 7,945 were wounded and 1,027 were reported missing. I pick out these battles because of the evenness of the break, as a rule. They seem to indicate to the even fighting ability of the forces, independent of numbers, equipment and other advantages, which may have belonged to one side or the other. These results would seem to show that the men on both sides of that great and bloody issue belonged to the same kind of stock, for it was almost an even break at the battles mentioned, when it comes to the number of men wounded."

FOUNDLINGS IN DEMAND.

Not Enough of the Little Castaways to Brighten Lonely Homes. (Ainslee's Magazine.)

It is surprising to discover what a rushing mail order business for babies could be transacted. Inquiries for babies come to the state charities association and the guild from all over the country. Recently the mayor of a flourishing Massachusetts city wrote for a baby, inclosing plans and specifications for the same, which included "blue eyes, light hair, girl, anywhere from 15 months to 2 years old."

From a colored family in Pittsburg was received a request for "a boy anywhere under 2 years, not black. Must be light colored."

From as far West as Denver and as far South as Alabama come the requests, and if investigation proves the parties to be really responsible, the foundling does his first traveling. Unless the child is legally adopted it is always under the supervision of the organization that indentured it. Rarely does it happen, however, that the child is taken away, even if it is not legally adopted. Legal adoption is an expensive affair for parents of moderate means—the class that usually obtain the children—and the formality of drawing up the necessary papers is often omitted. But the foundling is to the satisfaction of its foster parents regularly adopted and treated as such.

Only one instance on record where a child was returned as unsatisfactory. That was when a woman, angered by the visit of one of the state charities agents, who called to make inquiries as to the care that was being taken of the child, resented the investigation and sent back the infant.

That the foundling never quite gives up the hope of discovering who his real parents were is shown in many a pathetic incident in the office of Mrs. Dunphy, the superintendent on Randall's Island, where the records of New York foundlings for the past 20 years have been kept by her.

Often a man, sometimes prosperous looking, oftener with the stamp of the toiler upon him, will ask to see the books of the infant hospital for a certain year. Turning his finger down the page of entries he will pause at a name and ask if there is any record of parental inquiry after the infant's admission to the hospital.

It is the foundling come back, with the haunting hope that he may, after all, find out who he really is. But the foundling never does find out. And so, even if he rise to be governor or manufacturing magnate, he is, beyond everything else, pathetic to the end.

HIS QUEST OF AN HEIRESS.

Prince Leopold's Mercenary Mission Is Well Remembered. (Baltimore Sun.)

Prince Leopold of Iseburg in his search for an American heiress spent a considerable time in Washington, and, of course, with his title to back him, was made much of in society.

No titled or penniless adventurer ever before or since has made such an extensive tour in the United States, seeking for a girl with money. He tried all the big cities of both the East and the West, and never made any effort to conceal his motive. In fact, into whatever city he entered, his object was generally known in advance. It was understood at the time he was in Washington he was profiting in his voyage of discovery by the experience and counsel of several matrimonial brokers, and it was said he had promised large commissions to several of them in case of success through their assistance.

But while the doors of society were thrown open to him here, as elsewhere all over the United States, he did not make much headway. He was a mushy kind of fellow, rather plain in appearance, with no style whatever, and this, coupled with the brazen avowal that he was on the hunt for money and money only, seemed to put all the girls against him.

He did not screw his courage up to the point of formally addressing any woman here, but he did in Chicago. He made a wild chase in succession after two or three in that city, and was finally refused admission at one house. The head of this house told his daughter in the beginning not to listen to the prince, as he was such a man would ever get a cent of his money, and this particular father always meant what he said. The prince remained in this country more than a year. He stayed until all the borrowed money gave out, and when he left he was about as miserably looking and disappointed as one could well imagine.

MANY GO INSANE

GUATEMALA HAD EARTHQUAKES FOR NEARLY A WEEK.

PEOPLE CRUSHED TO DEATH

Narrow Streets of City Helped to Trap the People—Two Hundred Bodies Recovered—Fifty Thousand People Are Homeless.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 24.—For nearly a week earthquakes have been tumbling down cities, towns and villages on the western slope of the Sierras in this republic.

On the night of April 18, at the capital, a blinding flash of lightning, followed by a thunderstorm and torrents of rain, all in the space of a very few minutes, caused the people in the streets to rush for shelter. In an instant, however, the earthquake was upon them. Rushing frantically into the darkness and through the flooded streets, anywhere, away from the straining rafters and cracking walls, ran the multitude, crying, praying, and a few trying to sing the "Salve Regina."

The following shocks were less severe and by 10 o'clock many of the inhabitants were wandering about, examining the walls of the cathedral of Santa Teresa, La Recolection and other churches which were more or less damaged.

News soon began to come in from the hill country, where Quetzaltenango is situated. This, the second city of the republic, suffered by far the most. Hundreds of residences and public buildings were either totally destroyed or seriously damaged. The narrow streets, often not over three or four yards wide, and the irregular manner in which the town is built served to make death traps of the houses, so that, although not half of the debris has yet been removed, fully 200 bodies have been recovered and many persons were badly injured.

Fire as well as flood added to the horror of the night, with the result that many people have gone insane, and others have committed suicide.

Ammatitlan, San Juan, San Marcos Escuintla, Santa Lucia, Utatlan and several other similar towns have been partly ruined. Still very few lives, considering the extent of the disaster, have been lost. Approximately 50,000 people have been left homeless and public and private subscriptions are being raised to keep the poor people from starving.

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