GREAT COPPER DISTRICT.

The Seven Devils Region and the Work Done There by Helena Capitalists.

A District Barely Known but Wonderfully Rich in Mineral.

The American Mining Company and a Complete Description of its Valuable Properties.

A copper region of great promise, but of which very little is known, is the Seven Devils district in Washington county, Idaho. Helena capital has been invested in that region for the past three years, Ex-Gov. Hauser and Albert Kleinschmidt, of this city, being the principal movers in the enterprise. Mr. Mark M. Musgrove recently visited this new and wonderful district and wrote an elaborate account of his trip for the New Year's edition of the Spokane Falls Review. To Helena, and Montana capital generally, is due the credit of opening up much of Idaho's mineral resources and the work accomplished by it in the Seven Devils region is therefore of local interest.

This wonderfully rich if but little known mining region, with its inexhaustible stores of gold, silver and copper, is in the northern part of Washington county, Idaho, 110 miles from Weiser, on the Union Pacific railroad, at this time the nearest railroad point. The country north from Weiser is one continuous stretch of valleys to within three or four miles of the mines. These valleys are very productive, yielding immense crops of grain as well as most delicious fruits. In every direction within a radius of from twenty-five to a hundred miles there are millions upon millions of feet of the finest timber, which is of the utmost importance for the rapid and cheap reduction of ores.

The district is attracting great attention all over the country because of the large shipments of high grade ore from the various prospects already opened. Indeed, the reputation of the district for its high grade ores has caused many towns along the line of the Union Pacific to make strenuous efforts to secure the large trade which it is believed will result from the development of the claims.

The suggestive name of Seven Devils is derived from seven jagged, rough, inaccessible peaks just north of the camp. The district covers a scope of country about fifteen miles long by twenty-four miles wide, and contains many veins from two and one-half feet wide to the remarkable width of 400 feet.

The principal route of the mines is from Huntington, on the Union Pacific railroad, down Snake river to the landing, to connect with the railroad grade heretofore constructed. A steamer costing $35,000 and of 300 tons capacity has been built by Helena and Portland people, on which it is purposed to transport ore from the mines to the railroad at Huntington. It was feared that some difficulty would be experienced in low water in running this boat, hence a large force is now at work on the river blasting out boulders in order that the boat may run the year round.

It may seem strange that a district of such great promise should be so little known to the outside world, yet such can be readily accounted for by the fact that the original owners desired to secure as much property as possible before letting the true value of the mines be known outside, and, with this in view, whenever the district has heretofore been mentioned they invariably said that there was a large amount of ore, but that it was too low grade to pay the present cost of transportation. Yet, notwithstanding this, they went into the district and expended $175,000 in developing mines, secured patents to nine claims, constructed eighteen miles of railroad grade from the mines to the landing on Snake river at a cost of $28,000, and built a steamboat which cost $35,000. This, of itself, should be sufficient evidence to the most skeptical that the Seven Devils country to-day is one of the most remarkable gold, silver and copper regions in the world.

There are nine patented claims in the district, the Old Peacock, White Monument, Blue Jacket, Copper Crescent, Mountain Queen, Legal Tender, Helena, Calumet and Norma, all owned by the American Mining company and capitalized at $5,000,000, with John C. Rogers as resident manager. Ex-Gov. Hauser and Albert Kleinschmidt are the largest owners in this company.

Seven Devils ore, assorted, will run thirty ounces of copper, and picked ore will yield sixty ounces, which can be worked at from $10 to $15 per ton, and after adding $20 per ton for freight, we have copper at about 2 cents per pound, without allowing for the large amount of gold and silver in the ore, there being enough of these latter minerals to pay for the working, so that whatever the copper brings is clear gain.

A contract has recently been entered into between the American Mining company and John C. Rogers and Moses Fuchs, by which a smelter is to be immediately erected at or near the Old Peacock mine, of a capacity of not less than twenty-five tons per day. This contract requires that the ore shall run not less than 7 per cent nor more than 25 per cent of copper, and another agreement has been made between the same parties, that twenty-five tons of ore shall be shipped daily to the landing on Snake river, this ore to run not less than 25 per cent of copper to the ton.

The Old Peacock is the phenomenal service mine of the century. It is encased in a formation of lime, porphyry and granite. B. W. Wellington best describes this wonderful property when he says: "The Old Peacock is like the belly of a spider and the veins around are the legs." There have already been shipped 4,000 sacks of ore, averaging 110 pounds to the sack. This property is developed by a shaft ninety feet deep, an open cut sixty feet, showing a breast of ore twenty feet high of 25 per cent copper ore. Another cut is forty feet, showing a breast sixteen feet high of 30 per cent ore.

During the past season ten cars of ore were shipped which averaged 40 per cent per ton, the highest going 47¾ per cent, and the lowest 32¼ per cent. The vein is believed to be 400 feet wide, and it is conservatively estimated that the remarkable amount of 125,000 tons of ore is in sight on this single property. There is now on the dump from 1,500 to 2,000 tons of 20 per cent copper ore; and from the gulches just below this mine from $30,000 to $40,000 in nuggets of gold have been taken out.

The South Peacock is developed by a shaft down fifty feet, showing a fine body of ore all the way, in fact the whole shaft is a solid mass of ore. Some very handsome specimens, showing free gold, have been taken from the croppings. A drift run fifteen feet in the bottom of this shaft did not cut the wall. This ore averages 40 per cent, of copper in car load lots, and assays have been obtained carrying 60 per cent, to 70 per cent. copper, besides considerable gold and silver. It is owned by a Boston syndicate. There is about 200 tons of very excellent ore on the dump.

The Copper Key, owned by the same syndicate, has a big surface showing. The shaft is down thirty feet in a solid ore body. The vein is from thirty to forty feet wide and shows much free gold. There is on the dump from 400 to 500 tons of ore that will go from 25 to 40 per cent. copper.

The Bodie, owned by the same parties, also shows a vein which was opened by developing the placer.

The White Monument is developed by a tunnel in 100 feet and shows a full breast of ore which will go 45 per cent copper. There is a great open cut on top showing twenty-two feet of solid 45 per cent ore and supposed to be the same body struck in the tunnel 170 feet below. A beer schooner full of handsome free gold specimens was sent to Governor Hauser, of Montana, one of the leading spirits in the American Mining company. There have been about 2,000 sacks of 40 per cent copper ore shipped from this property, and there is now on the dump about 200 tons.

The Mountain Queen is owned by the American Mining company. There is a forty-foot shaft at the discovery with very good ore in sight. A tunnel has been run in seventy-five feet, and in ore all the way. Two thousand sacks of ore were shipped during the past season which averaged 40 per cent. of copper. There are 150 tons of second class ore on the dump which will go from 15 per cent. to 25 per cent.

The Norma, named after Miss Kleinschmidt, of Helena, has a tunnel seventy-five feet long and shows good ore all the way.

The Copper Crescent has a tunnel in fifty feet, showing an immense body of ore.

The Blue Jacket has a tunnel in forty feet, and at the end of the tunnel a shaft has been sunk forty-five feet on the vein. Thirty feet down a drift was run in sixty feet and neither wall in sight. At the 100-foot level a crosscut was run forty feet south and sixty feet north, and neither wall in sight, the vein showing up very strong the full distance of 100 feet. There have been shipped 200 sacks of ore from this claim, and on the dump are about 300 tons. The surface showing is immense.

The Helena is one of the great properties of the Seven Devils district. There are nine open cuts and every one of them shows a vein fifty feet wide of first-class ore; another cut sixty feet long shows the vein to be forty to fifty feet wide, though the ore is not quite so high grade, yet first rate, however. Another cut thirty-five feet long shows a breast of ore twenty-five feet high. At another place where a tunnel was commenced a body of soft carbonate ore was run into thirty feet wide. There are at least 3,000 tons of ore in sight and 300 tons on the dump. About 700 sacks were shipped which average 40 per cent in copper.

Drum Lummon Output.

MARYSVILLE, Jan. 8.—[Special.]—The output of the Montana company's mills for the month of December was:

50-stamp mill, tons crushed,	3,620	Yield,	$52,900
10-stamp mill, tons crushed,	521	Yield,	16,300
60-stamp mill, tons crushed,	2,900	Yield,	24,900
Total			$94,100

Working expenses for month, $58,000.

All kinds of miner's boots and shoes at great discount this month at the New England Shoe store.

We advise early buying as our prices create a lively demand, New England Shoe store.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Frank Daniels to-night.

The firm of Ross and Teutenberg, painters, has been dissolved.

J. W. Carpenter was excused as a juryman yesterday in the district court.

Some one has sent United States Marshal Furay the combination of that little safe.

City Marshal Cronin will sell for cash on Saturday, at Allen's corral, one red cow with broken horns.

Theater-goers are reminded that the performance at the opera house to-night will begin promptly at 7:30.

F. T. Thompson has filed a notice of appropriation with the county clerk of 100 inches of the Middle Fork of the Dearborn river.

The stockholders of the Montana Lumber and Manufacturing company will hold their regular annual meeting in this city on the 21st inst.

The Calumet club gave a dance in Engelhorn hall last night. There were about twenty-five couples present and an enjoyable time was had.

There is a hole in the plank sidewalk next to the Electric block on Sixth avenue that should be looked after before some one breaks a leg in it on a dark night.

W. M. Catron was doubly jubilant yesterday. He celebrated his forty-second birthday anniversary and his wife presented him with a ten-pound baby boy as a birthday present.

In the supreme court yesterday in the case of the Montana Lumber company vs J. C. Howard, a portion of the record was stricken out and the case set for the 15th inst. at 10 a. m.

The union services of the week of prayer will be held in the Christian church this afternoon at three o'clock. All are invited to attend. The subject for to-day is "foreign missions."

The "bridal chamber" of the city jail is in a very unhealthy and filthy condition. Marshal Cronin says the jail throughout is in bad shape. He has ordered new bedding for the prisoners.

Mr. Jazich, who had the runaway on Wednesday, paid a fine of $10 yesterday for leaving his horse unhitched and made a compromise settlement with the hackmen and Mr. J. W. Thompson.

The president of the Working Womens' Home has received a kindly note of Happy New Year to the cause from Commodore Power. A check for $50 accompanied the note, for which the ladies are very grateful.

Two candles burning in the senate chamber last night gave a ghostly look to the room from the outside. An investigation showed that it was only the watchman and a friend trying to get some light on the legislative situation.

Articles of incorporation of the Gaffney Mercantile company have been filed with the secretary of state. The company will carry on a general merchandise business at Boulder, in Jefferson county. The incorporators are W. B. Gaffney, F. C. Brendes and John McDonald. The capital stock is $20,000.

The Wolf & Periolat Fur company, of Chicago, will be pleased to have the public see their fur fashions at the Hotel Helena, on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Hugh McQuaid left last evening for an extended trip to St. Paul, St. Louis and other cities.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cannon boarded a Montana Central train yesterday for an extended trip to eastern points.

Dr. C. G. Brown, a former practitioner in Helena, was in town yesterday calling on a number of friends. He will return to Tacoma to-day.

Will Arrive To-day.

The following passengers will arrive today on the west-bound Northern Pacific: Mrs. C. A. Fister, Mrs. G. L. Powers, Mr. R. Buckingham, J. C. Berg, Thos. Scolen, Mat Karl, J. C. Henley, E. Kraft, C. A. Graves, Geo. W. Howard, J. P. Nesther.

Arrivals at the New Merchants.

James Gibson, Choteau.
H. J. Schreiner, Pike.
E. V. Chamberlin, Missoula.
J. T. Sawhill, Missoula.
O. M. Hanscom, Minneapolis.
Charles Wegner, Great Falls.
W. M. Jenkins, Lewiston.
Mrs. Jos. Blackwood, Valley.
Mrs. J. H. Williams, Bozeman.
Thos. Brantley, Deer Lodge.
Ed. Hirschler, San Francisco.
V. W. Massey, Spokane Falls.
M. B. Miles, Missoula.
George D. Patterson, Fort Benton.
J. W. R. Moore, Glasgow.
Dell Alles, New York.
John Wilks, New York.
T. H. Plessants, Missoula.
Mr. and Mrs Lamb, Lewiston.
Charles V. Rich, Bozeman.

Arrivals at The Helena.

James H. Montrath, Butte.
J. H. Conrad, Billings.
S. A. Beach, St. Paul.
George Rosenstine, New York.
S. Philps, Chicago.
William A. Topliff, Jamestown, N. D.
W. J. Wherlloch, Providence, R. I.
William F. Furray, Deer Lodge.
L. Loewenstine, Chicago.
A. Winters and wife, New York.
James H. Asvenos, San Francisco.
George B. Jordan, Chicago.
W. M. Thornton, Butte.
F. Lyon, Victoria, B. C.
W. L. Coder, New York.
St. Paul.
D. Hamburger, San Francisco.
D. F. Smith, St. Paul.
L. P. Winnston, Jr., Billings.
D. F. Smith, St. Paul.
W. A. Webster, Omaha.
C. T. Salt, Lithbridge.
C. D. Richards, Lithbridge.
J. D. Culenworah, St. Paul.
Arnold Goodfriend, San Francisco.

Arrivals at the Grand Central.

T. G. Hathaway, Missoula.
George J. Butcher, Elkhorn.
T. A. Lisor, Corbin.
William Claffy, Basin.
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dorrance, Rochester.
Thomas McCormick, Townsend.
John Nolan, Canyon Ferry.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Chandler, Spokane Falls.
D. Black, St. Clair.
S. P. Butler, St. Clair.
W. W. Martin, Trinity.
J. M. Powers, Carter.
T. P. Proctor, Carter.
George Strober, Clancey.
J. C. Hanrahan, Empire.
C. R. Rich, Hardy.
B. Moles, Toston.
D. Morse, Toston.
J. Buckett, Philipsburg.
W. Bernstein, Lima.
Charles True, Lima.
D. Black, St. Clair.
Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin, White Sulphur Springs.
G. N. Bangton, Castle.
Joseph Sangarossa, Wickes.

TO HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE

Their Location Notice Wrong, but They Should not Lose Their Claim.

They May Now Offer to Prove Just Where the Mine Is.

Taking Judgment by Default Against Whitehead—In the District Court—Some Lode Locations.

The supreme court made a decision yesterday in a mining case appealed from Jefferson county in which the whole matter is put in a nutshell by the question asked in the opinion. The claim in controversy is in Jefferson county. The court asked: "Are the appellants to lose their claim because they stated in their location notice that the premises were in Lewis and Clarke county?" On the trial of the case below the appellants sought to prove from the body of the notice that the claim was in Jefferson county but the lower court held that it was incompetent because the notice itself stated that the claim was in Lewis and Clarke county. This was wrong says the supreme court.

The action is a contest between claimants of mining ground on the public domain of the United States. Metcalf et al., relied upon their claims of the Ida May and Corbett lodes. They were contested by Prescott et al., who are the appellants with their New Brunswick and Crucible lodes. Four points were argued by counsel, and the facts upon which they are presented are: The location notice of the Crucible lode states, among other things, that the lode is situated in Vaughn's unorganized mining district, Lewis and Clarke county, and the discovery shaft is 335 feet from the west end of the claim. The exterior boundaries of this location are distinctly marked by posts or monuments at each corner of the claim, so that its boundaries can be readily traced. As to this description the defendants plead that the corner of the said survey referred to in the Crucible notice of location as being about a mile distant therefrom, lies wholly within the said county of Jefferson, is a fixed, definite and permanent monument, and taking the notice of location, and starting at the initial point named, from the calls of the notice, one would of necessity and without uncertainty, find the claim in the county of Jefferson.

It further appears that the notice of location was duly filed in the office of the county recorder of Jefferson county and not of Lewis and Clarke.

The court below held that this location notice was not competent, as not entitled to record in Jefferson county, by reason of the statement in the notice that the claim was situated in Lewis and Clarke county, and also that the allegation and proposed proof that the corner No. 4 shows the claim to be in Jefferson county, was incompetent. This is assigned as error.

The location notice of the New Brunswick shows these facts: The notice is signed by the locators. Then appears an unsigned affidavit that C. K. Cole was one of the locators and claimants. The district court held that this notice not being sworn to was not entitled to record and defendants could not claim title thereunder. This conclusion, says the supreme court, must have been reached by taking the face of the affidavit alone.

The New Brunswick was located Jan. 2, 1885, and recorded Feb. 5, 1885. The record was more than twenty days after the location. But it appears that between Jan. 2, 1885, and Feb. 5, 1885, no person occupied, possessed or endeavored to assume to occupy or possess the claim or any part of it other than the locators above named. Was the record under these circumstances made in time?

The Ida May location notice states that the lode is situated in unorganized mining district, Jefferson county, and the claim is situated about one mile southeasterly from the Peerless Jennie mine. The adjoining claims are the Corbett quartz claims on the east.

The Corbett location notice states that that claim is situated in Frowner unorganized district, Jefferson county, and the adjoining claim is the Leslie, on the north.

The point is made that these descriptions are not by reference to some natural object or permanent monument as will identify the claim.

Judge DeWitt after stating the foregoing facts discussed the points. "It is not for the court to say from an inspection of the location notice whether or not this survey corner was a permanent monument. This is a matter for proof. If defendants had been allowed to attempt to prove this, as they had a right to do, and had succeeded, they would have been in this position: they would have shown where their claim was by reference to a permanent monument; they would have shown thereby that it was in Jefferson county, the county in which they had properly made their record. Are they to lose their claim because they stated in their notice that the premises were in Lewis and Clarke county? The statement of the county, in the notice, is not required by law, nor does it appear that it was required by any rules of miners consistent with the laws of the United States."

The court was of opinion that the view of the district court as to the New Brunswick location notice was correct, and affirmed that ruling.

"It is conceded by Metcalf et al. in their brief that they claim no rights by virtue of the fact that their adversary claim, the New Brunswick, was not recorded within twenty days after discovery. That disposes of this point."

"It must be held that in the location notices of the Ida May and Corbett claims the reference to adjoining claims is sufficient to allow the notices to be introduced in evidence, and proof to be offered, whether such adjoining claims are permanent monuments." The judgment was reversed and the cause remanded for further proceedings.

TAKING JUDGMENT.

Several of Whitehead's Creditors Get Judgment by Default.

A number of attachment suits commenced at the time of the failure of E. L. Whitehead, the Broadway merchant, went by default yesterday in the district court, no defense being made. The judgments all bear interest at the rate of 10 per cent. from date of judgment. The following firms obtained decrees and costs of suit:

Edward H. Pitkin	$639 35
George R. French	923 00
Farwell, Ozmun & Co	363 64
C. E. Jorgensen	629 72
Northwestern Furniture company	612 30
Chapman Reed Rattan company	466 00

Defaults were also obtained by the following firms, judgments not yet entered of record: Webster Manufacturing company, G. H. Martin & Co., John Weimscarey.

Lode Locations.

Notices of location were filed with the county clerk yesterday as follows,

Robert Lee, Ten Mile district, by Joe Toole.

Evening Star, Nelson gulch, by August Fack.

Mitchell, Upper Ten Mile, by E. H. Eads.

Bertha and Monitor, two miles southeast of Helena, by Leopold Dobler.

Civil Business, District Court.

Thomas Gahagan vs. F. E. Lawrence et ux. Judgment for plaintiff for $336.74 and $34.50.

A. Bourk et al. vs. H. H. Clark. Stricken from the calendar with leave to reinstate.

A. C. Votaw vs. Fitzgerald. Dismissed as settled.

Helena Lumber company vs. Montana Central Railway company. Passed on the calendar without prejudice.

John O. Matthews vs. C. L. Clark et al. Judgment vacated.

John Henneberry vs. Matthew Dorrity. Verdict for plaintiff for $130 or the restitution of 40 cords of wood.

Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of Helena Typographical Union No. 95, held Sunday, Jan. 4, the following officers were elected:

President—J. Baker.
Vice-president—A. H. Weiber.
Financial secretary—W. E. Brown.
Recording secretary—C. R. Mitchell.
Treasurer—William McClatchey.
Executive committee—George B. Staring, Joseph G. Rickards, Alex. Wright.
Delegates to Trades and Labor assembly—Daniel McCallum, Michael Rupley, George McKee.
Sergeant-at-arms—Michael Rupley.

Knights of Pythias.

The following officers were installed by Bro. H. L. Walker, D. D. G. C.:

Jacob H. Hechler, C. C.
O. W. Jackson, V. C.
R. H. McGinnis, prelate.
Jacob Leeb, secretary.
S. Herz, M. of E.
W. W. Shipman, M. of F.
F. Zeigler, M. at A.

After installation a lunch was served.

Men's buckle arctics, 90 cents, at 11 S. Main.

Assignee's Sale—Bargains.

The stock of goods formerly owned by Mrs. M. M. Styles, Jackson street, opposite opera house, must be sold at once regardless of cost. Store now open. All sales for cash. S. CARPENTER, Assignee.

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