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MINING PROSPERED.

Despite the Circumstances Missoula County Went Right Ahead With the Work of Development.

PURCHASE OF THE SIOUX MINE.

President Farrell of the Parrott Company Secures a Controlling Interest in the Valuable Property.

Special to The Independent.

Missoula, Dec. 30.—Notwithstanding the general depression in mining, there has been some development in Missoula county during the year 1894 and there is apparently a more healthy feeling as to the future. The principal mine of this county continues to be the Iron Mountain, which, notwithstanding the low prices of silver and lead, has been paying dividends and is reported to be in better condition at present than ever before. In the early part of the year the shaft was sunk 200 feet additional to a depth of 500 feet below the tunnel level. Levels were run, stops started and the concentrating mill resumed operations about the middle of the year. The average daily production is now about twenty tons of concentrates assaying ten ounces silver and 50 per cent lead.

The developments on the head of Nine Mile creek at Mortimer have been important and promise an increased yield next year. The properties in this vicinity are all gold bearing. The Nine Mile company operating at this point has dropped continuously for the past nine months ten of their twenty stamps. Large ore lodes have been opened in the mine. It is understood that the company will close down about the first of the year and in the spring will substitute water power for steam. It also contemplates putting in a bucket cable train from the Eagle mine to the mill. This will save considerable transportation expense and, together with the water power, will effect a saving of about \$300 monthly on the expenses of running the mine and mill.

During the year the San Martina Mining company, owning claims adjoining those of the Nine Mile company, has erected a five-stamp mill, built portable ore lines and a comfortable boarding house. It has been running the mill for two months and expects to continue operations during the winter. On the St. Regis there has been important development which next year will largely increase the metallic yield of the county. The Oro Fino Mining company, operating near De Borgia, is now building a five-stamp mill and expects to have it crushing ore by next March.

The Last Chance mine, near Sulzner, is a silver property which has come to the front this last fall as a producer of high grade ore. Five carloads of ore have been shipped and yielded handsome profits to the owners. There is promise that it will be a heavy producer in 1895. Considerable ore has been shipped during the year from the Charcoal mine at Canvas Prairie, and five carloads of pyritic gold ore have been sent to the smelters from the White Cloud mine on Kings Mile creek.

The total production of ore in Missoula county in the year 1894 has been in excess of previous years. There has, however, been less general prospecting done. In the placer mines there has been the usual activity with the decrease in production from shallow diggings made up by increased yields from larger enterprises. The Cedar Creek and California placer mines, opened up by large flumes and hydraulics, have largely increased their yield and are now in position to handle more gravel than ever before. Other placer properties are in a fair way to be more systematically developed during the coming year.

SALE OF THE SIOUX.

The President of the Parrott Company Now Owns the Mine.

A most important mining deal was consummated yesterday in this city, says the Salt Lake Tribune, and the ownership of the Sioux mine at Tintic passed into the hands of Franklin Farrell, of Ansonia, Conn., president of the Parrott Mining & Smelting company, of Butte, and also connected with the bridgeport copper refinery. The Sioux mine has been owned and operated by an incorporated company, the board of directors being E. C. Looze, S. S. Jones and Reed Smoot, of Provo, and T. R. Cutler and Mr. Wines, of Lehi. Negotiations for the purchase of the mine were entered into between Mr. Farrell's agents and the owners of the property several weeks ago, but it was not until yesterday that every thing was closed up.

Through this deal Mr. Farrell becomes the owner of over 80,000 out of the 100,000 shares of Sioux stock. While the parties interested refuse to state the consideration, it is understood to be a good big sum.

Immediately following the transfer of the property a reorganization of the company took place. The old board of directors resigned and Mr. Farrell was elected president and director. W. M. Bradley and T. H. Robinson were also elected directors, leaving two places to be filled.

This deal will result in the erection of another big reduction plant in Tintic, it being Mr. Farrell's intention to put in a combination mill of at least 100 tons capacity at an early date. The capacity of the Sioux for ore production is very great, and the mine has been extensively developed.

This is Mr. Farrell's first investment in Utah property, and the fact that such careful and conservative capitalists as he is reported to be are turning their attention to Utah is a most hopeful sign.

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The Northern Pacific railroad has placed on sale daily round trip tickets to California points, as follows:

Helena to San Francisco and return, going via Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, and returning same way, \$75.

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Seventy-five cents will buy a suit of ladies' underwear of heavy ribbed fleeced haliburgan, worth \$1.50 a suit, at the Bee Hive this week.

THE COUNTY FAIR.

It Will Be Seen in All its Glory at Ming's This Week.

Lovers of country and country life will be given an opportunity for enjoyment in the production of "The County Fair" Wednesday night at Ming's, where it commences its eighth engagement. This is the first time the "County Fair" has been presented to the residents of Helena. This phenomenal play, after its four years' run in New York and one year in Boston, will be transferred to this city, with all its wealth of beautiful scenery, stage equipments and mechanical effects. The play is not an ambitious one; it is a simple story of New England life, and no attempt has been made to impart sensationalism to any of the situations, though the interest of the play is well sustained throughout. The abundance of healthy humor which pervades the piece makes it all the brighter by contrast with its occasional touches of pathos. The characters are drawn from living models, with little exaggeration or caricature to distort them. There is nothing more realistic than the living room at the old farm house, or the barn with its broad floor littered with unhusked corn. The lofty hay-mow and its stalls tenanted with live horses must be seen to be appreciated. The famous race scene, with its wonderfully effective realism of thoroughbred horses running three-quarters of a mile in full and continuous view of the audience, carries with it an intense excitement and thrilling effect.

The company this season is the strongest ever seen in the play, and is headed by Marie Bates as Abigail Price.

FAST TRACTS SELECTED.

Over Fifty Per Cent of the State Land Grants Filed.

Over 50 per cent of the land grants allowed the state by the federal government have been filed. State Land Agent Hickman in his annual report said that there should be no haste in the selection of the balance of the lands, as there are still plenty of lands available to fill the grants and will be for years to come. The secretary of the state has assessed to them the following acreage:

Public buildings: Amount of grant, 182,000 acres; selections made up to Dec. 1 last, 100,573.24 acres; leaving to be selected, 81,426.76.

Grant for Agricultural college, 140,000 acres; selections for the same, 70,359.05 acres; leaving to be selected, 69,640.95 acres.

Grant for Normal school, 100,000 acres; amount selected, 51,561.92; to be selected, 48,438.08.

Grant for the School of Mines, 100,000 acres; selected, 52,078.61; to be selected, 47,921.39.

Grant for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, 50,000 acres; selected, 25,960.48; to be selected, 24,039.52.

Grant for the Reform School, 50,000 acres; selected, 26,109.01; to be selected, 23,890.99.

Of the University grant 46,680 acres have been selected, being the total amount of the grant.

JAS. DOLAN FREE.

The State Board of Pardons Confirms the Governor's Action.

The state board of pardons has confirmed the governor's action in pardoning James Dolan, a young man who was sent to the penitentiary for burglary committed in Butte May 31, 1890. The governor in his letter to the board concerning this pardon in part said: "Having investigated the circumstances surrounding this case, I am convinced that the ends of justice have been fully met in this instance and the release of the convict at this time will be an act of mercy fully warranted by the facts."

Dolan stole a cloak from a house in Butte. He was quite young and he was probably influenced by two older men who were with him when the act was committed. He was sentenced to seven years, and his term allowing for the "good time" which he would have received, would expire next February.

Judge John J. McHatton, before whom Dolan was tried, and six of the jury recommended executive clemency.

Notice. All Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend the second annual ball of Vera Icebekah lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F. (private type masquerade), at the auditorium, New Year's eve, Dec. 31, and can procure invitations from any member of the undersigned committee. In order to gain admission, invitations must be presented at the door. The public are cordially invited to the gallery. Price, 25 cents.

Prizes on exhibition at Mitchell & Schenck's drug store.

By order: Mrs. L. L. Moses, Mrs. E. Mitchell, E. W. Fiske, R. W. Neill, H. C. McChellin, Wm. Dryburgh, G. C. Kirkwood, committee on arrangement and invitation.

PERSONAL.

R. S. Ford is up from Great Falls.

Miss Agnes Cooney is assisting Supt. E. A. Steere during the press of work in his office.

W. B. Rodgers, joint representative from Deer Lodge and Missoula counties, is at The Helena.

Allan R. Joy, of Livingston, member of the house of representatives from Park county, is in the city.

Col. O. P. Chisholm, Maj. W. W. Alderson and T. J. Lynde, three prominent Gallatin county men, who have been visiting the capital, left yesterday for Roseman.

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