

### GAIN IS REGISTERED IN GOLD OUTPUT

REPORT OF HELENA ASSAY OFFICE SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN AMOUNT.

Helena, April 2.—There has been a gain of \$108,379.72 in the amount of gold received at the United States assay office in Helena from the various counties in Montana during the quarter ending March 31, 1909, compared with the quarter ending March 31, 1908. This gain is attributed to the fact that numerous new mines, both placer and quartz, have been discovered and put in operation during the last 12 months.

T. B. Miller, assayer in charge, has just completed his report for March, which shows that \$23,640.61 more precious metal was received from the various counties in Montana this year than during the corresponding month last year.

The following table shows the amount contributed by the various counties during March, 1909:

Broadwater	\$ 119.81
Chouteau	47,150.27
Deer Lodge	2,244.85
Fergus	61,410.00
Granite	87.19
Lewis and Clark	13,157.90
Madison	42,081.76
Missoula	62.78
Powell	27.82
Silver Bow	167.22
Montana	166,479.53
Other sources	3,731.97
Total	\$170,311.16

The total amount of metals received during the quarter ending March 31, 1909, is \$468,574.65, compared with \$350,194.96 received during the quarter ending March 31, 1908, or a gain of \$108,379.72.

Not all of the precious metal output of the state, by any means, passes through the Helena assay office and the showing made by the report from that office is not a fair criterion for the whole state to be judged by.

### GOTCH MASHES TOE BUT NOT SERIOUSLY

Chicago, April 2.—Frank Gotch smashed one of his toes in his training work here today, but the injury is not thought serious enough to hamper him in his preparation for his match with Yusuff Mahmoud. In a game of handball at the Illinois Athletic club, Gotch ran into a wall. The champion is getting into shape rapidly. In the last three days he has reduced his weight from 212 pounds to 206½ pounds. He says he will be down to 200 pounds when he steps into the ring with the Turk here on April 14.

### BIG TELEPHONE CO. IS LOSING POWER

Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company Slowly but Surely is Losing Its Hold Upon the Intermountain District.

Whatever may be the strength of the Bell Telephone company in the east, the following account of the status of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company in the west shows that it is rapidly losing ground to a new and formidable rival in the intermountain district. The following report is from "Telephone Securities Weekly," published in New York:

"Butte, Mont., April 3.—The condensed annual report of earnings and expenses of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company for 1908, just issued, shows a deficit of \$104,997 as the result of the year's operations. No dividends were paid. This compares with net earnings applicable to dividends of \$45,541 in 1907, \$151,537 in 1906, and \$218,732 in 1905.

"Only 260 New Stations. This unfavorable showing is further emphasized by the lack of progress in the extension of the system, which last year fell far below normal. While in 1907 there were installed, net, 1,739 stations, but 260 were added in 1908, making a total on December 31, 1908, of 42,495, as against 42,235 on December 31, 1907.

"Gross revenue in 1908 showed a gain of \$136,344 over that of 1907, or 8.7 per cent. This was accomplished largely by increasing both local and toll rates at various points throughout the system. The expenses, however, increased \$286,883, or 18.9 per cent, a considerable portion of which, \$70,182, was additional interest.

"The cost of operation, excluding the item of interest entirely, shows an increase from 81.4 per cent of the gross income in 1907 to 87.6 per cent in 1908.

"Floating Debt Increases. "Another unfavorable feature of the report is the small increase in the total assets of the company from \$8,461,896 to \$8,580,792, a gain of \$118,896. Against this there was an increase in the floating debt, consisting mainly of money borrowed from the parent A. T. & T. Co., of \$335,034. This last account now aggregates \$5,865,280, nearly two and a half times the outstanding capital stock, as against \$3,530,246 at the close of 1907.

"The statement of earnings and expenses for 1908 as given out compares with the three previous years as follows:

Earnings and Expenses.			
	1908	1907	1906
Gross earnings	\$1,698,141	\$1,561,797	\$1,410,901
Expenses, inc. int.	1,803,138	1,516,256	1,259,364
Net earnings	*104,997	45,541	151,537
Dividends	None	**106,627	141,940
Net surplus	104,997	61,686	10,497

\*Deficit. \*\*Estimated.

"It was hoped by the local stockholders of the Rocky Mountain company that when President Wallace was succeeded last spring by H. Vance Lane immediately steps would be taken to materially alter the policies which had been following the company in its greater financial difficulties each succeeding year, and to set afoot a vigorous campaign for new business. The evidence of this report, however, makes it apparent that no such reorganization has yet taken place.

"New Company Strong. "Contrasts are freely drawn here between the results of the year for the Bell company and those accomplished by the Montana Independent Telephone company, which is rapidly extending its lines throughout Montana, a representative portion of the territory of the Rocky Mountain company.

"The Montana Independent began operations a little over a year ago and is rapidly extending its lines over the entire state. In Butte, its headquarters, it has now over 4,000 phones installed, which number is being added to steadily. It already handles over four-fifths of the telephone business of Butte. At Anaconda the company is installing at the rate of 50 a week, while corresponding progress is being made in a number of other newly established exchanges. The toll lines are now reaching out to every independent plant now existing in Montana, as well as to those towns in which the Independent exchanges are now being constructed by the Montana Independent or by local organizations.

"Stock Is Decreasing. "Operating at a net cost of 41 per cent of its gross income, the company has promptly met all obligations, set aside a substantial fund for depreciation, placed \$20,000 in a reserve fund for bond redemption, and established and paid at the close of the first year's business a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

"The opinions of local investors as to the future of the Rocky Mountain company are indicated by the fact that the stock of that corporation, of a par value of \$100, is being offered at \$50 and under, with no takers. The quarterly dividend of one-half of 1 per cent was passed in the last quarter of 1907, and there is no prospect whatever of resumption."—(Adv.)

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### MUST PAY BIG SUM TO REIMBURSE LOSERS

New York, April 2.—A jury in the supreme court decided today that Joseph Leiter and Joseph H. Houdley must pay Franklin, Scott & Co., stock brokers, \$92,485.65, the sum lost by the firm, with interest, as the result of an order given when the defendants, with Cyrus Field Judson, were in a pool in the interest of the International Power company stock.

The suit brought by the firm was to recover \$68,000 with interest. On April 29, 1902, Judson, acting for Leiter and Houdley, instructed the plaintiff to buy 1,000 shares of the stock, which was done at \$18 a share. The following day the firm called on Judson for the \$18,000 to take up his shares, and he was unable to respond. The market had fallen with a crash and the stock within an hour fell from \$18 to \$60 per share. The plaintiffs sold the stock and sued for the difference.

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### VERNON IS DEFEATED BY SACRAMENTO TEAM

Sacramento, April 2.—The Sacramento team of the Coast league again defeated Vernon today, the score being 5 to 4. Score: R. H. E. Sacramento 6 8 4. Vernon 4 5 5. Batteries—Hauser and Byrnes; Newlin, Harkins and Hogan.

Portland Wins Game. Los Angeles, April 2.—Portland is on an even footing with Los Angeles again, having won today's game by a score of 5 to 2. Score: R. H. E. Los Angeles 2 7 4. Portland 5 5 1. Batteries—Tozer and Orendorff; Graney and Armbruster.

### BIG MARATHON DERBY WILL BE RUN TODAY

New York, April 2.—The International Marathon Derby, which will outclass all professional running events ever held in this country, will be held tomorrow. Six of the greatest long distance runners in the world will start in the race of 26 miles, 385 yards, at the Polo grounds at 3 p. m. Never before has such a galaxy of runners been brought together. The United States, England, Ireland, Canada, Italy and France will be represented, each by its best men, and a thrilling race for the big cash prize is a certainty.

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