

GUN POWDER PLOT

Daring Attempt to Wreck the Residence of Ex-Mayor Collins.

EXCITEMENT IN MICHIGAN TOWN

Powder Scattered in the Coal Bin and Oil Cans—Explosion in a Parlor.

New York Sun Special Service

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 5.—A daring attempt was made last night to wreck the beautiful residence of ex-Mayor James Collins of Stevensville, near this city.

Mrs. Collins, on returning from a neighbor's house later, placed several shovels of coal in a parlor stove. A terrific explosion followed, wrecking the stove and setting fire to the room.

LAND VALUES INCREASING

South Dakota Relinquishments No Longer to Be Had for a Song.

Special to The Journal. Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 5.—The claim that land has increased in value in the past few years seems to be well founded.

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTICLES

Several New Companies Incorporate Under the Laws of the State.

Special to The Journal. Pierre, S. D., Jan. 5.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Acme Spindle Manufacturing company at Pierre, with a capital of \$200,000.

BURST A BLOOD VESSEL

Sudden Death at Barrett, Minn., of C. H. Junker.

Special to The Journal. Ellow Lake, Minn., Jan. 5.—C. H. Junker of Barrett, this county, died suddenly from bursting blood vessel in a fit of coughing.

THE CHAMPNEY FAILURE

Creemery at Mitchell, S. D., Behind in Its Payments to Patrons.

Special to The Journal. Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 5.—The Champney Creemery company of Milwaukee, which has gone into bankruptcy, owns and operates a creamery and skimming station in this city and farmers have been waiting an indefinite length of time for a settlement.

Annual Report for 1900—American Mining Investment Company.

Incorporated Under the Laws of Minnesota in 1899. A Corporation for the Promotion and Development of Mining Properties.

HEAD OFFICES, Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. DIRECTORS: W. S. Brill of St. Paul; J. A. Hancock and C. R. Tuttle of Minneapolis.

BOUNDARY CAMP MINING AND MILLING COMPANY, OF HURON, S. D.

Authorized Capital—25,000,000 Shares of the Par Value of One Dollar Each, Full Paid, Non-Assessable. Mines: The "Surprise," the "Ore Grande," the "Arctic Group," etc.

QUEEN BEE MINING AND MILLING COMPANY, OF HURON, S. D.

Authorized Capital: 20,000,000 Shares of the Par Value of One Dollar Each, Full Paid; Non-Assessable. Owners of site of Jelm City, Wyoming, and Extensive Gold and Copper locations near Jelm City.

Kettle-Curlew Mining Company, OF HURON, S. D.

Authorized Capital: 25,000,000 Shares of the Par Value of One Dollar Each, Full Paid; Non-Assessable. Owners of town site of Curlew, the Kettle-Curlew mines, on Drummer's mountain, the "Violet" mines and the "Anchor" group, near Curlew, Washington.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1900.

To the Board of Directors of the American Mining Investment Company. Gentlemen: For your information, and that of our shareholders and the general public, I beg to submit the following report, duly attested under oath, of the business transacted by our company during the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

We began in a small way, believing that there was a useful field for mining enterprise through the development of our Minneapolis office as the commercial gateway of the vast Pacific Northwest and northern mountain states, was the proper location for such an enterprise.

It was our plan at the start to acquire promising mining properties, town sites, etc., and to proceed with their development by selling shares issued on the "true value" plan; that is to say, by capitalizing an enterprise, rather than incorporating it, and issuing shares within a fixed limit, and to prosecute development work until such time as we could reasonably see that the undertaking would be permanently profitable.

This plan has proved successful. Experience has shown us and proven to our shareholders that a promotion company such as we are can carry a mining enterprise through the first stages of its life far more successfully than a corporation founded simply upon a mere mining prospect.

On the 27th, 28th and 29th of March, 1900, we held a three days' meeting of our shareholders in the Lyceum theater in this city.

We have acquired and are rapidly paying for very extensive mining and town site properties, and in almost everything we have undertaken we have met with almost phenomenal success.

During the year we have successfully launched three extensive enterprises, carried them to a substantial financial footing, and set them all up in business for themselves by way of separate incorporation.

I will now respectfully call your attention to the following facts and figures of my report for the year, which, better than words, give the true and firm progress, and the foundation we have laid so carefully and firmly for our future success.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Table with columns for Capital stock, Real estate, Stocks of other corporations, Office furniture and fixtures, Bills payable, Bills receivable, Due from Queen Bee treasury, Due from Kettle-Curlew treasury, Loss and gain account, Received from sale of shares, Salaries paid to Oct. 1, Advertising and printing to Oct. 1, Contracted prior to Oct. 1, Management since Oct. 1, Trustee since Oct. 1, Joint board since Oct. 1, Office rent since Oct. 1, Stationery and postage to Oct. 1, Management of mine to Oct. 1, General expenses to Oct. 1, Revenue stamps for dividend checks, Hall rent for annual meeting, Balance due auditor, J. W. Allan, expenses west, Syndicate contracts, Expenses paid in shares, "Annual Meeting", Expenses paid in cash, "Annual Meeting", Postage to Oct. 1, Commissions paid to Oct. 1, Contracted commissions (agents).

Table with columns for Premium share vouchers to Oct. 1, Expenses paid in shares to Oct. 1, Excursion expenses to Oct. 1, Unsettled excursion expenses, Commissions account trustee, Kettle-Curlew mine development work, Curlew townsite and improvements, Drummer's Development Co. on mines, Property options, W. S. Brill, unpaid salary Oct. 1, L. A. Hancock, unpaid salary Oct. 1, K. C. Moehn, unpaid salary Oct. 1, F. D. Cooper, loan, Pioneer Press Co., printing stock, Susquehanna, loan, Revenue stamps, C. R. Tuttle, overdraft paid, Cash on hand Oct. 1, Cash advanced by A. M. I. Co.

Of the above receipts \$2,316.27 has been received from the issuance of K. C. stock since incorporation, from the new par value shares.

Kettle Curlew shares issued to date, and eligible to fifth dividend 5,220,266

Of the above 159,665 shares were issued from the new corporate stock.

Total shares subscribed for \$452,584.40 Collected to date \$42,903.95

On the books to be collected \$409,680.45

Receipts for sale of Curlew lots \$10,593.22 Paid first, second, third and fourth dividends \$9,861.41 In dividend fund 731.81

BOUNDARY CAMP MINING AND MILLING COMPANY. Received from sale of shares \$11,947.55 General expenses \$2,139.35 Postage \$2,472.35 Expense vouchers \$521.17 Stock transfer vouchers \$120.33 Printing and advertising \$21.75 Saw mill account \$2,656.54 Property option (Merritt contract) \$2,178.80 Commission vouchers \$150.00 Cash on hand \$778.87

Shares subscribed for \$40,520.25 Collected \$510.50 On books to be collected \$10,121.20 Sold for cash \$11,437.05

Gross receipts \$11,947.55 Received from sale of shares \$7,556.89 General expenses \$1,204.66 Revenue stamps \$307.59 Postage \$1,647.03 Property account ("Mansfield contract") \$323.00 Property account, M. A. Cooper & Co. \$500.00 Mines development work \$1,500.00 Commission vouchers \$150.00 Printing and advertising \$69.62 Cash advanced by A. M. I. Co. \$1,328.26

Shares subscribed for \$917,500. Collected \$890.23 On books to be collected \$11,426.81 Sold for cash \$6,666.66

Gross receipts \$7,556.89 Received from sale of shares \$8,328.45 Operation of mine per Theo. Munson \$901.59 Operation of mine per Charles Newbury \$2,416.17 Paid original mine owner, T. M. \$2,480.73 A. M. I. Co., commission \$3,584.61 Cash advanced by A. M. I. Co. \$1,044.65

On books to be collected \$9,383.10 Sold for cash \$9,383.10

LIST OF PROPERTIES.

1. "Drummers Group," consisting of "Tornado," "Cyclone," "Cuttysark," "Maloney," "Keystone," "Drummers No. 1," "Drummers No. 2," and "Drummers No. 3." Also power locations known as "Cuttysark" and "Keystone" water powers, and mill locations known as "Tornado" mill site, "Maloney" mill site, "Cyclone" mill site, "Cuttysark" mill site, "Keystone" mill site, and the "Drummers No. 1," "No. 2," and "No. 3" mill sites. Price \$125,000.00. Upon which there has been paid \$4,650.00. And on development work.

Total \$15,006.62 The Kettle-Curlew Company has a long time in which to complete the payments on this property, and has assigned a large number of its option contracts covering the same to the Drummer's Development Company, of Spokane, Wash., which is sufficient to liquidate the whole amount due.

2. The "Violet" mining claim near the International Boundary line in the Curlew Mining District, about eight miles from Drummers Mountain. Price, \$30,000.00. Including development work at the rate of not less than \$250 a month, on which has been paid \$250.00. The company has two years in which to complete the payments.

3. The "Anchor Group," consisting of the "Juno," "Rose Bud," and "Anchor" mining claims on St. Peter's Creek about twelve miles from Drummers Mountain. Price, \$20,000.00 in two years, including development work, on which has been paid, or will be paid before this reaches the reader, the sum of \$250.00.

4. The Curlew Townsite. Total price, \$2,800.00, on which has been paid to date \$5,715.00.

5. Forty acres of the Townsite of Jelm, Albany County, Wyoming. Valuation, about \$2,000.00. Paid for in full by the A. M. I. Co.

BOUNDARY CAMP. 1. The "Concentrator" on Drummers Mountain. 2. The "Surprise" group of mining claims on Drummers Mountain, consisting of the "Surprise," the "Elk," and the "Maridone," together with the "Surprise," "Elk," and "Maridone" mill sites, on which there is ex-

cellent timber. Price to be paid, \$20,000.00 in two years, \$6,000 of which is to be done in development work at a minimum price of \$150.00 per month.

3. The "Ore Grande," also on Drummers Mountain, for which we are to pay \$10,000.00, in two years, and to do the development work as the law requires only, which is a minimum of \$500.00 a year. We have paid in development work on this claim \$150.00.

4. The great "Arctic Group" of mines, consisting of the "St. Peter," the "Homestead," "Arctic," "Abe Lincoln," "George Washington," and "Protection" claims on St. Peter's Creek about twelve miles from Drummer's Mountain.

Total cost, with two years to pay, \$30,000.00, including development work at a minimum of \$250.00 a month, on which has been paid \$250.00. It will not be expedient now, for various reasons, to enumerate the different properties that this company has acquired options on in British Columbia, but this will be done in a subsequent report.

5. Extensive saw and lumbering mills already practically paid for and about ready to commence operations at Curlew. These mills, with the freight, have so far cost \$4,151.00, and when complete with buildings, lumber yard, dry kilns, etc., will have cost over \$5,000.00. Amount paid on the same \$2,616.00.

Balance to be paid \$1,555.00 \$750.00 of the latter amount will have been paid before this reaches the reader. These mills comprise fifteen different machines, from the saw mill to the planer, lathe, boiler, matcher, shingle mill, slasher, gummer, etc., etc. The company in a large number of logs on the ground and has contracted for more, upon which \$250.00 has been paid.

QUEEN BEE. 1. The site of Jelm City, of about 300 acres. 2. The great canyon water power of the Big Laramie River. 3. "Rising Sun," "Maine," "New York," "New Hampshire," "New Mexico," "Washington," "Chicago," "Boston," "New Jersey," "Colorado," "Arizona," "Vermont," "Connecticut," "Massachusetts," "Rhode Island," "Wyoming," "Liberty Placer," "Leonard," "Julia," "Curlew."

The above, together with the townsite aforesaid, which cost the Queen Bee company only \$15,200.00, and it has nearly two years in which to pay the same. In addition to the cash of \$15,200.00, the company gives twenty thousand shares of its capital stock. The company has already paid on the purchase price \$1,900.00 in cash.

4. The "Queen Bee" has recently acquired by purchase and lease from the American Gold and Copper Mining Company and by location The following list of rich mining properties, including, to begin with, the "Hejen," "Tom Reed," "McKinley," "Jesse," "Copper Queen," and "Liberty Bell."

In addition to all of the above the company owns the following mining claims located near Jelm: "Seattle," "Tacoma," "Rob Roy," "Imperial," "Gold Standard," "Copper Shield," "Minneapolis," "St. Paul," "War Eagle," "Fontaine," "Tucumseh," "Tiger," "Smuggler," "Happy Dick," "Betsey Jane," "Cheyenne," "Laramie," "Wyoming," "Chicago No. 2," "New York No. 2," "St. Louis No. 2," and about thirty other mining locations not here enumerated nor shown on the map printed in the January number of the Mining Investment News. And also the "Republic" and the "Empire" and the "Turk" and the "Homestead" and the "Miller" placers. All of which placer tracts are additions to the original townsite.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. COUNTY OF HENNEPIN. ss. On this 29th day of December, A. D. 1900, before me personally appeared C. R. Tuttle, Rev. W. F. Stockdill and John W. Allan, to me known to be the Secretary and Manager, Auditor and Head Bookkeeper, respectively, of the American Mining Investment Company, and being by me duly sworn, each for himself did say that the foregoing report of the American Mining Investment Company is in accordance with the facts and true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, A. D. 1900. C. R. TUTTLE, W. F. STOCKDILL, J. W. ALLAN. [Seal.] Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minnesota

According to recommendations which I have submitted to the Boards of Directors of the Kettle-Curlew, Boundary Camp and Queen Bee Companies, twenty-seven million shares of stock have been transferred and set aside for the building of a large smelter near Curlew, and extensive reduction works at Jelm. The Kettle-Curlew and Boundary Camp Companies will build the smelter on joint account and will share equally in the profits arising from its operation. The reduction works will be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Queen Bee Company.

The American Mining Investment Company has purchased its quarters from the Bank of Commerce Building to the new Andrus Building on Nicollet Avenue, corner of Fifth Street, Minneapolis, where the company has taken a three years' lease with the option of two years more on sufficient space to accommodate all its interests.

I recommend that the A. M. I. Co. proceed during 1901 to purchase a suitable site for constructing an immense "Mining Temple" in Minneapolis, so that during the two years that follow, if prosperity continues to favor us we may be able to erect such a structure as will in a suitable manner stand as a monument to the importance of the mining development business of this country, and will in some measure herald the coming in of the mining business, which is soon to rank equally with agriculture, manufacturing and commerce in engaging the attention, skill and capital of the people.

Such a building would prove very profitable as an investment for generations to come, and the carrying out of this measure will be in harmony with our plans of placing the A. M. I. Co. as rapidly as possible upon a financial foundation that will rank it among the strong business institutions of the United States.

The work we have in hand requires that the parent or promotion company, which, of course, is the American Mining Investment Company in this case, shall be so strong financially that it can purchase all kinds of machinery in any quantity required or buy extensive mining properties and proceed to develop the same on a large scale. The company has already acquired, as will be seen, considerable in the way of assets, and now that it has established a Broking Department for the purchase and sale of mining properties in connection with its business it may be expected to increase its assets more rapidly in the future. It is in the direct interests of all the mining corporations of which we are or shall hereafter be the parent company that we shall grow and prosper and become financially very strong. Hence the policy and plan here recommended.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. TUTTLE, Secretary and Manager. AMERICAN MINING INVESTMENT COMPANY, Fourth Floor, The Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

SHARE OFFERS. NOTICE—No shares in either the "Kettle-Curlew," "Boundary Camp," or "Queen Bee" companies will be for sale after April 1, 1901. Special offers until Jan. 20, only. Don't fail to get our January printed matter at once.

Make all checks or money orders payable to "L. A. Hancock, Trustee," but address all letters, whether they contain remittances or not to the AMERICAN MINING INVESTMENT COMPANY, FOURTH FLOOR, ANDRUS BLDG., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Mr. Redford is of the opinion that the amount paid out was \$4,203.56 and the amount paid out was \$4,140.74. The League was indebted to Mr. Carhart, for salary, \$800 and to Rev. J. C. Thomas for field work \$325, with about \$200 due on subscription to the paper.

Public Meeting Called to Devise Measures of Relief. Fergus Falls, Minn., Jan. 5.—Alderman E. A. Williams, chairman of the poor committee of the city council, has called a public meeting for next Monday evening to discuss the question of providing for the care of the poor for the remainder of the winter. He says that in all the years in which he has been connected with charitable work here there has never been as much destitution as there is this winter, and that citizens generally should take a hand in providing for the poor.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 5.—The new official register of the state contains one feature that is worth several chapters as a sermon on prosperity. This is the list of the new incorporations that filed articles with the secretary of state in the year 1900. In 1899 there were 423 new incorporations. In 1900 the official register will show upwards of 600. There has been a notable increase in the number of new state and savings banks formed. In 1899 there were forty-two new banks of these kinds. In 1900 the number ran up to sixty. The capital stock of the new banks formed in 1899 was \$965,000. The total capital of those formed the past year is \$1,610,500.

There was a large increase last year in the number of mercantile concerns that filed articles, and a heavy increase also in the number of mining corporations. The last fact is explained by the lenient incorporation laws of Iowa, which had many outside capitalists to incorporate here rather than in other states, their purpose being to conduct operations outside of Iowa.

both morning and evening. Mr. Parks will arrive Monday night. The Knights of Pythias lodge installed officers for the ensuing year last evening as follows: E. T. Barnard, C. C. C. L. Hillton, V. C.; Dr. L. P. Bottenfield, P.; J. P. Vanderulst, M. W.; George H. Gard, M. A.; M. R. Lowry, R. R. S.; C. M. Hunt, M. F.; A. M. Swartley, O. G.

Alcester's Ex-Mayor Ready to Begin His Prison Term. Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 5.—The period granted ex-Mayor Tubbs of Alcester to surrender himself to the United States authorities expired to-day and he is in the city for the purpose of turning himself over to the officers to be taken to the Sioux Falls penitentiary to begin serving a term of two years for sending obscene literature through the mails. Tubbs arrived yesterday, but it was discovered that the papers in the case had never been forwarded from the United States circuit court at Alcester, where the matter was carried by Tubbs, and where the decision of the lower court was affirmed. He cannot be placed in the penitentiary until the papers reach here. Petitions for his pardon, which have been circulated for several weeks by his friends, will be sent to President McKinley. It is said that among the signatures are those of ten of the jurors who tried him.

Stucco Plant a Success. Special to The Journal. Hot Springs, S. D., Jan. 5.—J. M. Breitenfeldt, formerly of Deadwood, but who has recently established a stucco plant in this city, is having great success in his new enterprise. His plant is turning out all the stucco that the market demands and he ships the material almost exclusively to the Burlington. It has been proven that his output is the best produced, and it is giving satisfaction wherever used.

Lead's Severer Nearly Ready. Special to The Journal. Lead, S. D., Jan. 5.—The new sewer system has at last been completed and is about ready for the city's use. The contract of \$45,000 between the city of Lead and P. McSweeney, the contractor, has been completed, which prevents immediate use of the tunnel, which is 900 feet in length. It is expected this will be in readiness by the 15th. Work on the new system has been pushed rapidly and the task has been accomplished in much less time than was expected. It was feared a large amount of rock would have to be blasted, but very little trouble was encountered.

Died of Pneumonia. Special to The Journal. Rapid City, S. D., Jan. 5.—Thomas Garfield Keiler, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Keiler, of this city, died of pneumonia. He was born on the morning after the assassination of President Garfield, and for this reason was named for the president. The father is a wealthy cattleman.

Exposed to Scarlet Fever. Summit, S. D., Jan. 5.—This town is threatened with scarlet fever, two or three persons having been exposed while on their holiday vacations.

For a Cold in the Head. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. Over 5,000 Died. The yellow fever in New Orleans in 1866 swept away over 5,000 persons addicted to drink before attacking any others. Their systems were weakened by alcohol and they easily succumbed. Thousands of men to-day are ruining themselves by using whiskey excessively. They should stop. Advise some of them to go to the Keely Institute, cor. Park av and 10th st, Minneapolis, Minn.