

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

MINNESOTA

MORE ACTIVE THAN EVER

Busy Lumbering Season Forecast in Territory About Virginia.

VIRGINIA, MINN.—Lumber operations in the vicinity of this city will be more active this winter than ever before. O'Neil Bros. of Stillwater have taken a four-year contract to haul 10,000 cords of lumber...

Donovan & Stack, another logging firm of Stillwater, have begun an immense contract for the coming season.

They expect to cut 40,000,000 feet for several years to come. The logs will be manufactured into lumber at the new mill which the Cook & O'Brien people are erecting in Virginia.

The Biwabik mine has stopped shipping for the season. Its output was not as large as expected the early part of the season. While the output cannot be obtained at present, it is understood that the output was not over 600,000 tons.

The Biwabik is one of the largest open pit mines in the world. It is capable of producing 2,000,000 tons or over each season. It is owned by the Todd-Stambaugh company of Cleveland, which is a consumer of steel.

The Biwabik, by the way, was one of the first mines to ship ore from the Mesaba range. Thomas J. Jones of this city discovered the mine.

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Commercially the mine will soon be opened. Royal difficulties have been amicably settled, and everything points toward a season of renewed activity at the property.

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OCTOBER A BIG MONTH

Hills Gold Production Was the Greatest of the Year. DEADWOOD, S. D.—The month of October was one of the best in the history of the Hills in the matter of gold production. The output exceeded that of any previous month during the year.

This is owing to a number of new mills having lately started. Other mills that had been running several months had been raised to their intended capacity and still others were operating under more favorable conditions than previously.

The ore tonnage and gold production by the different mines for the month were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Mine, Tonnage, Gold value. Includes Homestake, Golden, Spearfish, Columbia, Dakota, Holy Terror, Resister, Deadwood-Standard, Wabash, Clover Leaf, Columbia, Alder Creek, Hidden Fortune.

Totals 131,000 tons, \$706,450 value. It is reasonably certain that this production will be maintained until about the first of the coming year, when it will be increased 25 per cent by reason of the new plants now being started.

These figures are from the books of the various companies, made up immediately after the close of business for October. The figures for the month are shipping to various outside smelters whose products cannot be arrived at, and will probably bring this total to from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 more.

It is estimated that the gold production of the Hills will reach eight and a quarter millions easily for 1902, being greater than the previous year by several hundred thousand dollars.

CYANIDE, S. D.—There are three strong mining companies working within a mile of Canby, S. D. The first is the Gold Mining and Reduction company and the Deadwood-Standard Mining company, producing bullion, and the third, the Potlatch Gold Mining company, in the development stage.

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"KNOCKING" THE EARTHQUAKE

Scott of Hancock Village Says They Had the Real Thing. HANCOCK, MICH.—While many residents are a-gunning for the correspondent who sent out a sensational story about the earthquake disturbance of last Friday night, A. J. Scott, president of the village, is looking for those who insist on "knocking" the earthquake.

"There is no doubt it was an earthquake," he insists. "The alleged seismic disturbances were due to an airblast in the Quincy mine, as happened once before. As a matter of fact, the violent shaking was not due to an airblast, but is attributed to the bursting of a supporting pillar in one of the levels of the mine a mile below surface."

President Scott believes both of these things. He is of the opinion that the disturbances and common sense. Nothing but an earthquake could have so shaken not only Hancock and Houghton, but the country for at least two miles around.

"I'd like to know who it is that is knocking our earthquake," said Mr. Scott. "There is no doubt it was an earthquake. The men down in the mine say they noticed a little disturbance. Well, the disturbance on the surface was noticed all over Hancock and Houghton and as far away as Dollar Bay on the east and Swedtown on the west. Now, if there had been an airblast in the forty-ninth level in the Quincy surface, it would have caused a slight disturbance in the mine? The forty-ninth level is a mile below the surface, but any blast occurring at that place with force enough to disturb the mine and blow every shaft-house to kingdom come. Of course it was an earthquake."

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There is one change in the legislative list published, being in senate district twenty-second district, where R. W. Main was elected to the senate over Curdie (dem.) by a majority of two votes. The court reports stated that Curdie had been elected.

Will They Be Admitted? There is much interest now as to whether candidates who ran for the legislature on independent or independent republican tickets and were elected will be admitted to the republican caucus. This is of especial interest in Burleigh county, which has two independent democratic legislators. The senate and the independent republican party had been assured of the right to participate in republican caucus, in case they were elected, and that they would be permitted to do so.

On the other hand many republicans assert they will not be admitted to the caucus, and that if an attempt is made to admit them, the caucus must be thrown down all bars and admit every man who says he is a republican, no matter on what ticket he was elected.