

THE MINES TO BE MINE.

MORE GOOD PROSPECTS DEVELOPED ON THE METHOW.

The Red Shirt Mill Makes a Good Run and the New Crescent Strikes Ore—Results of the Summer's Work on the Edison Creek.

S. G. Dewansp, the mining engineer, who has for the last two years made his residence in the city for the winter, and brings good accounts of the work done in that mining district, supplementary to what has recently been published regarding the Highland Light, Hidden Treasure and Hunter, the best developed properties on Johnson mountain. Assessment work has been done on a number of claims on the Independence, on the divide between McFarlane and Gold creeks, said Mr. Dewansp. "A shaft has been sunk 20 feet and a drift run 20 feet on the 7th level. It is all ore, carrying gold, a little silver, copper and traces of antimony and lead. It will cross section 25 to 30 in all values, and has some ore running 200 feet upward. Within half a mile of the Independence is the Oregon and Agnes, and where a shaft is down 100 feet on a 6-foot vein of ore similar to the Independence, and carrying similar values. These are the best prospects developed this season.

"The Red Shirt mill is about closing down on account of the weather after a run of about two months, but was much more satisfactory than any previous run. They have cut the main ledge in the lower cross-cut, which they were driving for a year and had 1,000 feet of ore, long, gaining a depth of 100 feet. The vein is about 6 feet wide, all concentrating ore, and of better grade than was found above. "In Antonio's location on the Independence, the Methow and Lake Chelan, a Spokane company is tunneling on a vein carrying pyrrhotite, and is getting increased copper value. The vein is 100 feet wide, and is 4 feet of ore. "At the Spokane mine, near the mouth of the Twisp, Morgan, Nichols & Co. are still driving a tunnel in a dike to intercept the ore-shoot out above, and are beginning to get stringers in the face of the tunnel, which is in about 500 feet. The ore carries gold, silver, lead and copper, and assays close to \$300. It is proposed to sink a shaft to connect with this lower level and then to sink on down.

"The Palmer mountain tunnel last week struck ore at a distance of some 60 feet from the mouth. It is of the same grade as the one first struck."

CHANGES IN MINING LAWS.

Objectors to Those Proposed and Others Suggested Instead. Everett, Wash., Nov. 15, 1897. To the Editor: We see an effort is being made or to be made to change our United States mining statutes at the next session of congress in several important particulars. I think the changes proposed are not for the best interests of either the prospector or the miner.

The first of the changes proposed is to permit a person to make a location before any discovery. In place ground this might do, provided a certain amount of work be required or mineral shown in a limited time thereafter. On placer claims the United States requires no assessment work to be done, leaving that entirely to local laws or rules. If there is no local law in effect, a person can hold, without work or cost, as many claims and as much placer ground as he desires, without limit. But in quartz claims, where the law is different, and the rule should be different. The law at present permits any American citizen over the age of 21 years to locate and hold a quartz claim on a lot of ground, and the rule should be different. The law at present permits any American citizen over the age of 21 years to locate a claim. It may take some time to discover mineral. Under the proposed rule, if a person were disposed to locate a "hot" or "cold" claim, he would be able to locate a whole section or township in a mineral belt and then prospect the ground at his leisure or possibly hold it for speculative purposes, without prospecting or showing up mineral at all, and thus suppress and keep out all prospecting in that vicinity, holding back indefinitely the mining development that might be made. While it is necessary to show mineral in order to make a location, yet when last discovered, slight evidence will suffice, indeed, so long as the prospector shows a character of the mineral, and it is a fair way to become a shipping mine when transportation facilities are improved. A summary of the work done by Peter Childs, who has had charge of it.

SULPHIDE ORE ON SILVER CREEK.

Steady Work Shows Large Bodies on the Edison Group. Probably the most work on any one property on Silver creek this year has been done by the Edison group by the Bonanza Mining and Smelting Company, which has been employed continuously for six months, and operations will be resumed about the beginning of December. The result has been showing a rich ore, and the Edison group is in a fair way to become a shipping mine when transportation facilities are improved. A summary of the work done by Peter Childs, who has had charge of it.

Want to Move to Mexico.

ANTLER, I. T., Nov. 20.—The Choctaw-Chickasaw union party, together with other members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, will meet at this place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next to discuss the plan now on foot to sell the Indian land outright to the United States government and have the Indians move to Mexico.

Best Sugar Mill Project.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—The annual meeting of the Association of Beet Sugar Manufacturers passed a resolution unanimously protesting against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, and the present reciprocity treaty. The resolution further called upon all friends of the domestic beet sugar industry to work actively against annexation.

Train Robbers Get Long Terms.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 19.—Today in the district court here L. I. Fisher and Felix W. Williams, the two men who were charged with the robbery of the Northern Pacific train at Fort Worth, were sentenced to five years, respectively, in the penitentiary.

Skull Crushed With a Hammer.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Mattie Winkler, wife of Joseph Winkler, was outraged and murdered in her home on St. Clair street this afternoon. Her skull was crushed with a hammer. She was alone, and no one was seen to enter or leave the house.

Woman Sentenced to Death.

CAYOGA, Ont., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Adele Stierman was tonight found guilty of the murder of her husband, and sentenced to be hanged on January 2, 1898. Mrs. Stierman's husband died of arsenical poisoning in August, 1896.

On Their Way Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—D. W. Maratta, who has just retired from the position of United States consul general at Melbourne, and wife arrived on yesterday's steamer from Australia, en route to their home in Dakota.

The Towns the Best Wharves.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Theodore Drey, president of the naval trial board, has returned to Washington from the sea and struck 8 feet of concentrating ore. The lower tunnel 90 feet below, with the ledge 34 feet between walls, is 2 1/2 feet and for the last 15 feet has been in 8 to 24 inches of ore, carrying galena, iron and copper. The assays range from 80 to 100 cents silver, copper and lead to \$200 of the value being in gold. The specific

made during the coming session of congress, and the persons most to be affected should get their minds fixed on the subject. Very respectfully yours, F. M. HEADLEE.

A DENVER MAN'S OPINION.

Large Ore Bodies in the Cascades—His Trip Over State Pass.

W. S. Ward, a Denver mining man, has given the Denver Republican a graphic description of a trip he made recently, in company with A. Bernardino, a representative of the Gold Ridge Mining Company, into the Cascade mountains, to examine twenty-four claims, which have been purchased by the Gold Ridge Mining Company, but does not describe their location, though he is extremely puzzled and difficult of access. We went from here to Spokane, and then went down to the point where the Great Northern railroad crosses the Columbia river. We expected to take a steamer to go up the river, but being disappointed were compelled to go in a wagon to the mouth of the Methow, and the slope of the range stream to the Little town of Winthrop, and then on up to where Rattlesnake creek empties into the Methow, where the ascent of the mountain was made, and we took horses for the rest of the journey.

"The trail up Rattlesnake is the most difficult that I ever saw. It wanders along the edge of precipices in the most reckless manner imaginable, and in some places is hung from the walls of the cliffs for a mile or more. The bottom of the canyons, making an experience that was as thrilling as it was interesting. We crossed the Cascade range at State pass in the morning, and down to the fork of the Similkameen river, where the claims are located. The roundabout trail that we were compelled to follow will give a faint idea of the character of the country traversed, and it is the only route by which the mines can be reached. The country is very extensively mineralized, the ore being sulphurets, carrying gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc, with a country rock the character of which I have not yet fully determined, though it is somewhat of the nature of limestone. The gangue is quartz and the veins are strong and well defined. The miners are working away there with no very clear idea of what they have, but a good deal of excitement over the discovery of the Eureka mine, one of the great bodies of ore thirty-two feet wide, which yielded astonishingly at the surface. The vein was stripped for a distance of eighty feet to a depth of eight feet, and the remarkably rich ore brought in a great many people and was the occasion of quite a boom for a time. The ore carries gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc, and it is at once apparent that the deposits would have to be developed regularly before the value of the district is fully ascertained. I have, of course, not fully formed my opinion regarding the district, but from what I have seen I am satisfied that it will become a good mining point in time. There are 100 miles of mineral claims, and the inaccessibility of the mines are the principal objections to the district, but these will be overcome if the mines prove to be rich."

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Unsuccessful Attempt to Defraud the Government. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—An attempt to defraud the government was prevented by the United States appraiser today, when an importation of diamonds, consisting of small diamonds was involved at \$24 per karat.

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The diamonds had evidently been put in a solution of cyanide and green, dulling their color to such an extent that the diamonds appeared to be of little value. When washed in alcohol and hot water they found that they had not been of the fine quality, and exceptionally well cut.

NEW SYSTEM OF COLLECTION.

Butte, Nov. 20.—A report comes from Mammoth that the men employed by the Mammoth Mining Company, who had not been paid for some time, captured Philip Schaub, of Elizabeth, N. J., president of the company, who was there inspecting the property, and held him a prisoner in a cabin for two days, and threatened to hold him until he signed a check for their wages.

BETTINA GIRARD DISCHARGED.

She Leaves Bellevue Hospital to Rejoin Her Husband. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Bettina Girard, the actress, who has been in Bellevue hospital for some time, was discharged last night from that institution. It is believed that she was taken to the residence of Dr. Wylie on West Fourth street.

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TRANSPORTATION LINES ORGANIZE A CLEARING HOUSE.

Steamship and Railroad Companies Agree to Kill Off the Middlemen—Tickets to Be Sold in Europe Clear Through to the Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Representatives of all the principal trans-Atlantic steamship lines have formed an immigration pool and signed an agreement regarding immigrant tickets in this country. It is said to practically kill the middlemen so far as the handling of great blocks of immigrant tickets is concerned. As yet, however, the railroad lines, in addition to other representatives of the Southern Pacific and Canadian Pacific, were present and signed the agreement. As a result of the agreement, the middlemen bound to Western points, who may apply to the steamship offices on the other side, will be given an order for a railroad ticket at special prices. The order will be honored on presentation at the clearing house here.

In this way it is thought that fully 90 per cent of the immigration business will be done through the clearing house. The steamship companies will get a commission on all tickets sold in this way.

OMAHA BRIDGE CASE DECIDED.

Commission Holds That There Has Been No Unjust Discrimination. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The Interstate commerce commission today, in an opinion by Commissioner, announced the decision of the case of the Commercial Club of Omaha against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company and other carriers, known as the Omaha bridge case. The object of the complaint was to compel the carriers to charge Omaha like freight as between Council Bluffs and the same point.

In view of the conditions affecting transportation to and from points in Iowa, and of the whole rate situation of the two points, the commission held that the charge of unjust discrimination against Omaha is not sustained and that the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice.

SAILOR FIREBUGS HELD.

Two of the Crew of the John and Winthrop to Be Tried. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Commissioner of the Marine Police today charged Osman W. Delgan to answer to the charge of having tried to burn the whaling ship John and Winthrop. F. A. Krueger, the third of the trio, who was put in the stocks at Monterey, was released from custody on the ground that the evidence against him was insufficient. Krueger, in the confession signed by Jones and Delgan, accused of being the arch plotter of the crew.

MONTEVIDEO IN A PANIC.

An Incident in the Chamber Presages a Revolution. MONTEVIDEO, Nov. 19.—In the chamber of deputies Dr. Herrera y Obes made a violent attack upon Senor Cuevas, who assumed the presidency of the republic yesterday. The attack was so violent that the president of the chamber, Don Borda, who was shot August 25 last, and presented a motion demanding the resignation of the president of the republic. The motion was adopted by the deputies. Senor Cuevas will dissolve the chamber.

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