

From Wednesday's Daily.

GOLD

In the Mines of Alaska.

An Interesting Letter from a Former Montanan.

SITKA, ALASKA, March 4, 1882.

Editor Butte Miner:

SIR: Perhaps a few lines from this strange country may not be wholly uninteresting. After leaving Montana I came direct to Alaska by way of San Francisco reaching Harrisburg, now Juneau City, on the 7th day of March last. This mining camp is about 175 miles northeast of Sitka, and will, I think, when fully developed prove rich in gold. Most of the prospecting last season was for quartz, and a great number of locations were made, some of which I think will pay well when suitable machinery is brought here to work them. Gold bearing quartz is found in this mineral belt so far as the same has been traced, and from surface appearances there are a number of well defined lodes, and prospectors and even mining experts appear to feel certain of immense fortunes here in the near future. But little work however has been done as yet, still from the great number of rich croppings, and other indications, I am fully satisfied that there are large deposits of gold near here. This whole country bears evidence of recent volcanic action, and has a newness about it unfavorable to extensive placer mining, there being but little decomposed quartz, and as a consequence the best placer mines are found near the quartz ledges on the mountain side, instead of in the beds of creeks or ravines. Placer mines however had to be found and worked, for it was a ground hog case with many of the poor fellows who had drifted here from the worked-out mining camps of California and British Columbia. Good placer mines were found when men began to prospect for them, but new systems had to be tried and experiments made to save the gold, it being so very fine. Miners are proverbially ingenious, and by carefully prepared riffles, blankets and quicksilver, a fair showing of gold was made before the close of the season. The heavy snows on the mountains furnish sufficient water for the summer's work.

I put in most of the season, with my Montana partner, prospecting for quartz, and made nine locations, some of them showing well, and all of them bearing traces of gold. I then decided to go to Puget Sound to winter, and while waiting for the steamer was induced by a friend of mine named Williams to join him in a little prospecting on Douglas Island. As a result we struck once "diggings," took in two other partners, founded a new mining district, and have ground enough to keep forty men busy for the next three years.

We also erected a new town called Coopers town and have free town lots waiting for a hundred good miners.

We worked our placer mines until the storms came on, and then concluded to enjoy a northern winter. I am writing on the 4th of March, and it has been the mildest winter, so far as cold weather is concerned, I have ever seen. We have had storms of rain, snow and wind, but the coldest weather was four degrees above zero, and most of the weather little if any below freezing. This will probably seem strange to people who have thought of Alaska as an Arctic region. I suppose the warm Japan current that scientists tell us about must help us out during the long winter nights, for the nights are long here in the winter, but in May and June we seldom lose sight of daylight during the 24 hours.

The Indians are a queer set, and seem to be degenerated Mongolians, with selfishness and treachery as prominent characteristics. They will work for pay, however, and are employed to do the packing and other drudgery around the camp. They hunt and fish during the winter season, are generally barefoot, and wear very little clothing, but seem brisk and content with their surroundings.

The Russians are a mixed breed, and hardly up to the Indians in brains or muscle, but have most if not all of their bad qualities.

The country along the coast is mountainous and unexplored, much less prospected, and will, be to say the least, very hard to explore or prospect back from the coast. In many respects this is truly a wonderful country, and a description, even a partial description, would occupy too much space. Public attention will soon be called to it, for in my judgment it has great possibilities and sources of great wealth. The fisheries along the coast can supply the world. The fur trade, though at this time a shameful monopoly, is too valuable to be long controlled by one company. The silver mines of Norton Sound, if rich as reported, will draw hundreds of miners there this spring, and the gold fields where your humble servant has pitched his tabernacle near Juneau City, will this coming summer bring fresh to old miners the early days of California. The people here are as orderly and civil as any I have ever seen, but the newly-discovered gold fields have induced a rush of people and called the attention of Congress to the necessity of some form of civil govern-

ment, and bills have been introduced into Congress asking for some form of territorial government, which I presume will soon be given us.

Respectfully yours, J. M. COOPER.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Month Ending March 31, 1882.

The following report of the Butte Public Schools for the month ending March 31, 1882, was handed into the MINER office yesterday by Professor R. B. Hassell:

Enrollment to date, 708. Average number belonging, 522. Per cent. of attendance, 92. The names of pupils whose scholarship averages above 90 are as follows: HIGH SCHOOL. Dean Seifridge, 96; James O'Geara, 95; Hiram VanBroeklin, 94; Frank Van Brooklin, 92; Eugene Fox, 91; Willie Hyde, 91.

A. J. BAKER, Teacher. ROOM NO. 8. Alex. Neidenhoffen, Sallie Dosier, Jennie Jones, Sarah Berger, Sammie Sabolsky, Hans Boe, Lena Stackpole, Lulu Fassett, Nettie Whitford, Bertie Long, Jennie Arnold.

ALICE L. CROSSMAN, Teacher. ROOM NO. 7. Daisy Morris, 99; Mary Gleason, 98; Frankie Kuhwarth, 97; Ella Driggs, 97; Walter Orton, 97; George Fifer, 95; Willie Stansfield, 95; Henry Pankey, 94; James Keefe, 95; Martin Gleason, 93; Mary Turrell, 93; Geo. Hoppe, 93; Eugene Mayer, 93; Kate Dunn, 92; Thos. Coberly, 92; Willie Thompson, 91; Chas. Bohler, 91; Geo. Frakes, 90.

SADIE HUTCHINS, Teacher. ROOM NO. 6. Alice Brown, 94; Helen Engel, 94; Mary Hauswirth, 94; Sue Baldwin, 92; Carl Engel, 91; Samuel Griffith, 91; Mary Bell, 91; Johanna Meyer, 90.

CARRIE COX, Teacher. ROOM NO. 5. Katie Farrell, 95; Geo. Bowen, 94; Charles Pankey, 94; Minnie Jacoby, 94; Annie Gibbons, 94; Gertrude Seifridge, 94; Lillie Wehrsbaum, 93; Geo. Evans, 93; Addie Thornton, 93; Hallie Chapman, 93; Eddie Moss, 92; Joe Dyer, 92; Louisa Slusher, 92; Lizzie Johnson, 92; Barton Fassett, 91; Noble Walker, 90; Bertie Metlin, 90.

NETTIE EMERSON, Teacher. Tardy pupils for the week ending March 31, 1882:

HIGH SCHOOL. Alvira Fifer.

ROOM NO. 8. Champion Nesbitt, Maggie Morris, Mary Thornton, Maggie Furlong, Sallie Dosier.

ROOM NO. 6. Bertie Bowen, Josie Powers, Annie Long, Ella Neilson, John Steward, Mattie Carey. The other rooms have a clean record. R. B. HASSELL, Supt.

THE HELENA VOTE

In the Late City Election.

THE VOTE FOR THE CITY TICKET.

Table with columns: WARD, For Mayor, For Trustee, For Police Mag. Rows include First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, Fifth Ward, and Totals.

THE VOTE FOR ALDERMEN.

Table with columns: FIRST WARD, SECOND WARD, THIRD WARD, FOURTH WARD, FIFTH WARD. Lists names and majority counts for each ward.

MARRIED.

WILLIAMS-PHARRIS-At the residence of the bride's mother in Butte, Sunday, April 2, 1882, by Judge J. B. Wilcox, Mr. Richard Williams and Miss Flora E. Pharris.

BORN.

UPPON-In Butte, April 3, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Upton, a son.

DIED.

FOX-At Banack, Montana, Sunday, April 2, 1882, Edwin L. Fox, aged about 38 years. Leadville, Col. papers please copy. MADDEGAN-At Banack, Saturday, April 1, 1882, Patrick Maddegan, aged about 57 years.

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NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the Miners' Union on Saturday, April 7th, for the purpose of initiating those that wish to become members and transacting some business of importance that is to be brought before the meeting. A full attendance is required. THOS. E. MAT, Pres. THOS. BRYANT, Sec. Apr 4-4

TRAFFIC

In Freight and Pilgrims.

Latest Railway Intelligence.

The recent delays in the arrival of trains on the U. & N. road have not been caused by accidents or casualties along the line. They have been simply the necessary results of the enormous inflow of "pilgrims," many of them bringing their household goods, and the large exports of matte and bullion and imports of machinery and supplies into Butte.

The washout at Bingham was thoroughly repaired last week. The train arrived yesterday morning a little after six o'clock and left for Ogden about half-past seven.

The rush to Butte of persons without capital or secured employment is unprecedented and unaccountable. Within ten days there have been nearly five hundred such arrivals. Every train leaves Ogden full; about one-fourth of its human freight is deposited at Dillon, another one-fourth perhaps at Silver Bow Junction, and the remaining half and sometimes more come to Butte. Sixty-five alighted yesterday morning at the Butte depot.

As arranged at present passengers for Virginia City, Bozeman and all East side points except Helena, leave the cars at Dillon. Passengers for all West side points except Butte, including Deer Lodge, New Chicago, Phillipsburg, and Helena, leave the cars at Silver Bow Junction.

A gentleman who sees the daily arrival of "tenderfeet" and yesterday that the country was being advertised through the East by railroad companies as a sort of paradise, but that many of the newcomers would probably walk out of it before long.

An extra freight arrived at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large quantity of mining machinery for the Lexington company has come in lately. The outgoing shipments of matte and bullion are now large, but continue to increase. At present on an average six car loads of matte and bullion leave the Butte depot daily. The heaviest shipments are made by the Montana Copper Company, the Bell, Parrot and Colorado smelters following in that order. In a short time, probably by the 15th of next month, Mr. Longmaid will begin shipping daily about three cars of matte from the Shakspeare Parrot.

Anyone can understand how a delay of six or seven hours can easily occur in the arrival of a train running over four hundred miles of road, leaving its point of departure heavily laden with freight and passengers and picking up and putting down at almost every station. Where the schedule provides for a stoppage of ten minutes it frequently happens that from the causes given a delay of a half or three quarters of an hour takes place.

Suspicious Strangers.

A party of five armed men were encamped near the U. & N. track day before yesterday about a half a mile the other side of Brown's bridge. The section hands noticed their suspicious movements, and on investigation found that the fish plates and fastenings had been removed from two rails and an apparent attempt made to wreck the north bound passenger train. The section hands immediately went to Melrose and telegraphed to the office of the train dispatcher at Logan. The latter immediately dispatched to the conductor of the passenger train orders to run at the rate of three miles an hour along the portions of the road which were in the proximity of the suspicious strangers. These orders were obeyed, and of course resulted in slow progress. Mr. Pace telegraphed to learn the propriety of arresting the strangers, but the details and the result of the matter could not be definitely learned last night.

Mining Reports.

The difference between an immense hypothetical bonanza like the Comstock and the moderate but reliable value of the Butte silver mines is best indicated by the weekly reports of the two. In Butte mines the management report steady extraction of ore and discoveries of new and rich ore bodies. From the Comstock the last information is that the joint Union and Sierra Nevada winze is down to the 2900-foot level, and the dump is being excavated. The main south drift on the 2700-foot level of the Mexican is still passing through streaks of ore. At the Yellow Jacket the water has raised to the 1900-foot level, which it is now filling. Since the pump shut down the water has raised about sixty feet. Superintendents Patton and Taylor have gone to San Francisco to join in consultation in regard to the feasibility of draining the flooded mines.

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LEGAL BLANKS.

The MINER has in stock the following blanks. The forms have been carefully prepared, are in conformity with the statutes of the Territory, and are applicable to any county in Montana: Justice Court. Writ of Attachment, Undertaking on Attachment, Affidavit in Attachment, Subpoena, Execution, Summons, Warrant. Deeds. Warranty, Bargain and Sale, Quit Claim and Mining Claim. Jurors' and Witness Certificates, Acknowledgments, Mortgages, Real Estate, Marriage Certificates. District Court. Undertaking for Attachment, Affidavit for Attachment. Mining Blanks. Notice of Location, long and short form. Notice of Intention to apply for Patent. Application for Patent. Agreement of Publisher. Application for Survey. Proof of Posting. Statement of Fees and Charges, Mining Claim.

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