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MAIDEN.

THE RICHEST MINING CAMP
IN EASTERN MONTANA.

ITS PAST HISTORY—PRESENT
CONDITION AND FUTURE
PROSPECTS.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION.
Maiden, the great mining camp of
eastern Montana, is situated in latitude
47 degrees and 45 minutes, longitude
31 degrees west of Washington, and
elevated 4000 feet above the level of
the sea. It is in the heart of the
Warm Springs Mining District, covering
a radius of ten miles square, and but
six miles west from Cone Butte district.
Located as it is, in a beautiful, fertile
valley, and surrounded by the Judith
mountains—proven to contain all the
precious and base metals known to the
world—it is bound, at no distant day,
to become the best camp in Eastern
Montana, not only as a supplying point
for the great mining industries that sur-
round it, and were the direct cause of
its being, but from the fact that as fine
a grazing and agricultural district as
can be seen in the territory, or in fact
in the northwest, surrounds and adjoins
the town on all sides.

The Judith Basin, a tract of country
sixty miles square—acknowledged to be
the finest grazing and agricultural por-
tion of the territory, is directly tribu-
tary to Maiden, and the valleys in the
Judith mountains, being supplied with
a plentiful supply of fine spring water,
are all first-class agricultural lands, as
proof of which our farmers and ranch
men can show. Fine crops of wheat,
corn and vegetables can be pro-
duced anywhere.

The country is entirely free from
alkali, and the water in all mountain
spring water, noted for its purity, and
in all of the streams (some not over
two feet in width) can be found the
beautiful brook trout that delights the
heart of the angler.

Several of the largest and wealthiest
stock companies in the territory have
chosen this section as their ideal of
perfection as a stock country, among
whom are: Stewart, Anderson & Co.,
located three miles east of the post,
who have 12,000 head; J. Ferguson,
who has eight miles north-east of town,
has 3,000 head of sheep, 200 head of
horses and a choice selection of full
blooded stock; W. M. Courtis, Warm
Springs creek, east of Maiden, has
3,000 head, 100 horses, 100 mules,
and the post with 100 head; J. H. Hauer
& Co., on McDonald creek seven
miles to the south, have a herd of 300
fine blooded horses. The Montana
Sheep Co., whose ranch is just east of
the Snowy range, twenty five miles from
town, have a flock of over 15,000 head,
mostly Merino; Forman, on McDonald
creek, has a herd of 7,000 head; Lau-
rence, on Flat Willow, has 1,500 head.
These are but a few of the large num-
ber of stockmen, the remainder of
whom we will mention hereafter.

Large gardens, producing fine vege-
tables and large yields, to be seen on
every side, and fields of waving oats,
wheat and other cereals are no uncom-
mon sight in the Judith country.

Up to the present time this part of
Montana, and particularly this end of
this county, has not only been over-
looked but almost entirely ignored by
the territorial press in general—but the
solution is simple. Nearly or quite all
of the territorial papers have valuable
mines at or near their own door, and
to publish the facts in regard to the
Warm Springs district would be taken
bread from their own mouths. But in
the future, as we propose to publish
news of interest in regard to all mining
districts in the territory or elsewhere,
we trust that this district will receive
its just dues.

EARLY FINDS AND LOCATIONS.
The first discovery of minerals was
made by Joe Anderson and David
Jones, in May, 1880. In June their
party was joined by C. C. Snow and
F. T. McPartlan and other discoveries
followed in rapid succession. Gold
was first found in the
Alpine gulch
located Jun
Springs gulch
next str.

prospect being found near the present
site of Maiden. A few days after the
gulch of Maiden was located by
Frank McPartlan. J. R. Kemper
made the next location, finding
ground that paid \$115.00 to each
sluice box of twelve feet. The ground
in Alpine and Maiden gulches has
been worked every year since discov-
ered, to advantage, by Anderson, Jones,
Landusky, Kemper, Sage, Kiser, Snow,
McPartlan, Pott Brothers, Hayden,
Erwin, Bessey and others. The War
Eagle was the first quartz lode discov-
ered and was located by Jones and
Anderson and is one of the most
promising mines in the district. It is
properly speaking, a Galena lode, but
carries eighty ounces in silver and a
few dollars in gold, is fourteen feet
wide, has a shaft down to a depth of
forty-eight feet, is well timbered, is
situated in a change of formation
between lime and porphyry as a con-
tact vein, and shows a large body of
carbonates and at present is the prop-
erty of Jones, Anderson, McAdow
and Dexter. The next lode located
was the Black Bull, by the same parties,
is a gold bearing lode, situated near
the War Eagle, has a shaft in the
centre of the claim to a considerable
depth and another one at the south,
and recent developments show a large
body of fine ore. The Tom Thumb
was the next one located and is situ-
ated in Alpine Gulch, is a small vein
but very rich in gold, is owned by the
above named parties. Then followed
the location of Baby Mine, Golconda,
Sun Dance, Gem, Yankee Blade,
Little Rhoda, Snow Shoe, Excelsior,
Jessie Trim, Collar, Kentucky, Favor-
ite Montana, Maggie, C. Weeden,
North Star, Florence, Pilgrim, Hail-
storm, Lone Star, Last Chance and
Sucker State.

THE MONTANA
was first located by J. R. Kemper and
after re-located by Barney Hill and
John Burke, is a gold-bearing mine;
their first assay was seven hundred and
sixty nine dollars per ton, that is
at a depth of fifteen feet. The boys
sold to Houser & Holter, of Helena,
for fifteen thousand dollars, which
company will retain the property
under the name of the Maginnis Min-
ing Company. They have a fine mill
just below the mine, in active opera-
tion every day and giving good satis-
faction. The mine and mill is well
and ably managed by A. M. Esler.

Montana No. 2, is an extension of
the Montana and joins the Keystone
on the west. The owners, William T.
Nelson and Charles Young, have sunk
a shaft to feet and have a vein three
feet in width and widening rapidly.
Ore is free-milling gold and silver.

COLLAR MINE.
The Collar mine, about one and a
half miles from Maiden, is being rapidly
developed by the Collar Mining and
Improvement Co. It was discovered
in August of '80, and located in Sep-
tember of the same year by C. C.
Snow, E. A. Erwin, J. R. Bessey, C.
Young, J. R. Kemper and F. T. Mc-
Partlan. Is a silver bearing mine, is
six feet 6 inches in width between
lime and "country rock." It was
incorporated last fall. C. W. Mead, of
Omaha, is president, S. S. Eaton, of St.
Paul, treasurer, W. M. Courtis, resident
agent and manager, and C. C. Snow,
superintendent. The developments
consist of a tunnel 350 feet down at
right angle to the vein, and a shaft 190
feet deep connecting with the tunnel.
At 70 and 120 feet, and on the level of
the tunnel, lateral drifts are being run
on the course of the vein, and are to be
connected before the mill starts so as
to furnish the requisite blocks of ore to
insure a continuous run of the mill.
A large ore house is being constructed
at the mouth of the tunnel to which
is connected four ore bins of a capa-
city of 250 tons. A double track
tramway, 1,500 feet long takes the ore
to the mill. A 20-stamp mill, with all
the latest improvements, made by Fraser
& Chalmers, of Chicago, is being rapid-
ly put in running order. This mill has
850 pound stamps, 12 pans, 6 settlers
and will use the Boss process as long
as the ore remains free. It is expected
that Maiden will be awakened by the
sound of the whistle before the middle
of October. About 100 men are en-
gaged in the different parts of
mine. A sampling mill is al-
so connected with the stamp mill, which
prospector can have mill runs
small lots, which help so much
in the sale of a mine, or the
value of his ore of any grade in
the hands of Jones, Anderson, J.
Dexter, have a legal

the "Alpine," which bids fair
second to no lead in the camp,
gold bearing lode, close to the
Maiden called the "Spotted Ho"
which they have struck ore
ingly rich. The Alice is an ex-
tension of the "Spotted Horse," a
spec, having a shaft fifty feet
owned by J. Kemper, R. J.
Chas. Weidman and Chas. W.
The same parties also have a
mine approximate called the N
which is a good "showing."

The Bamboo Chief is located
north-west side of what is
Cayuse Mountain, is an extension
is the property of C. Young,
and Henry Horn. The Mother
Consolidated Kentucky, Grant,
and Golden Terry, are all adja-
cent, rich in silver, carrying some gold, and
are owned by Landusky, Hamilton,
Dryden, Cole, Murphy, J. Conly
and others. The Monte Cristo, is also
close, is a silver-producing mine join-
ing the Mother Green on the north-
east and was the property of John
Peck, Arthur Brett, Frank Trombley
and others. Ira Gillman, McPartlan
Snow, E. A. Erwin and Charles
have several good prospects on
sides of Alpine Gulch, among
them is the Bullion, carrying gold and
and joining the War Eagle
north-west and the Silver Ch
extension of the Bullion. Also
across the gulch Ira Gillman, E. A.
and Charles Bessey are singly
jointly interested in the Yellowsto
Crow Girl and Temic, and all show
a fine body of ore.

Brainerd & Gardner of Minnesota
have invested in several good mines,
among which is the Keystone, Collar,
and Kentucky Favorite, and they also
have struck and located silver
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Arthur Bredie and C. C. Snow have
the Dolly, Warren, Cameron, Le
other lodes lying south of the Ju
Bull, carrying gold and silver.
Young and C. H. Wolcott have an
joining the Montana on the south
known as the Treasurer Box and
considered very rich. T. M. Trade
P. H. Bessey, Charles Rhodes, O
J. H. Esler, G. Draper and
others have also mines about three
miles north of Maiden, and respect-
fully Northern Pacific, Mountain Lion
Big Collar, Wolverine, and others
that are good leads, of which
make mention in a success.
The Day Star is a new prospec-
by Fred Chase and Henry E.
lies south of the Dolly. Very
same character of ore, and
large and well defined vein,
on it twenty or thirty feet and
made some arrangements toward
ing or selling a portion to C. C.
and J. E. Davis. Just north
Day Star is the African Lyon
galena ore and very rich. It is
by Mr. Biglin, foreman at the
mine, and Benjamin Peck.

The Ashland Lode is
week by Stone, Altra
and shoes a good
A new lode called
was located by
and F. C. Dobbie
It shows a large co
Sullivan and H
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