

AMONG THE MINERS

LATEST NEWS FROM THE MINING CAMPS OF FERGUS COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE.

The gradual change of the Butte district from an ore smelting to an ore mining center is surely being effected. Within the past month the Butte Coalition company has given orders to cease shipments of concentrates and ore to the old Montana Ore Purchasing company's smelter, and within a few weeks that plant will be entirely closed down.

Of the six smelters that were at one time in operation in Butte, only one remains, namely, the Butte Reduction Works. The removal of the other five plants and the discontinuance of the old methods of heap roasting have produced a wonderful change in Butte as a residential city, it being now reasonably free from obnoxious fumes formerly arising from the operations mentioned.

As intimated, mining operations are greatly on the increase in the Butte district. The reports of eleven of the principal mining companies for the year ending June 1, 1906, show gross earnings of \$51,627,669, and net proceeds of \$17,336,650. The latter figure is an increase of \$7,398,681 over the preceding year. The average daily tonnage of these eleven companies was 12,241. Of this quantity the Anaconda company produced daily 4,168 tons, thereby exceeding all other single companies, while the Boston & Montana led in net proceeds, having profited to the extent of \$6,158,109.

The beginning of the new fiscal year already gives evidence of a largely increased production and profit over the year just closed. To accommodate the increased demands being made upon its smelting facilities the Amalgamated company has decided to greatly enlarge the Washoe and Great Falls smelters. The former plant will probably be increased so that its monthly output will be 20,000,000 pounds of copper.

Fergus county continues to maintain its lead as the gold producing county of the state. Receipts at the assay office in Helena show that Fergus county is putting out almost one-half of the gold mined in Montana, and almost three times as much as the next largest producing county, the Barnes-King and Kendall properties in the Kendall district, and the Gold Reef at Gilt Edge are, of course, largely responsible for this condition.

All of these mines are now in better shape than ever before, and it is not unreasonable to expect this large output to be maintained. In the vicinity of Helena operations were inaugurated last month which will probably result in the most active season known in that district. In the old Remint district on Red Mountain, where new properties were developed last year, there is prospect for still greater activity this season.

Sales are being negotiated for both large and small properties, and when consummated will result in the employment of an increased number of men. The completion of the Green-Campbell Mining company's 100-ton mill early in June is but one evidence of the prosperity of the mining industry. The operation of this plant will enable the company to treat its second grade ore, which has hitherto been untouched or allowed to remain on the dump if removed from the mine.

When it is recorded that the placer and dredge mining phase of the industry was equally progressive and prosperous, it will be seen that the general status of mining in Montana in June was decidedly favorable.—Denver Mining Reporter.

For the protection of the mining investors of the United States, the American Mining Congress has established a bureau of inquiry, through which information can be obtained as to the condition of the property and the standing of the company that has asked or is asking for the money of the investor. The American Mining Congress is a national organization of mining men, the directors of which are men of the highest standing in their own states, whose only interest is the uplifting of the mining industry. To this end, and among other things, the organization is working for the creation of a department of Mines and Mining as a separate department of the national government, and for the enactment of laws in the various states, making the concealment of misrepresentation of any material fact concerning a mine upon which a fraudulent sale of stock is predicted a criminal offense.

In order that its board of directors may be kept in touch with the general sentiment of the mining world an annual session is held to which delegates are sent by the President of the United States, the governors of the several states, the mayors of cities, and the commercial bodies of America. At its permanent headquarters at Denver, Colorado, under the direction of its secretary a regular force is constantly employed in carrying on its work, no small part of which will be the protection of investors against

mining frauds, to the end that mining may be placed more and more on an investment rather than a speculative basis.

This Bureau of Inquiry will be absolutely impartial in its findings, its sole purpose being to prevent ill-advised mining investments and to save the west from the disgrace which follows dishonest mining promotion.

In order to thoroughly eradicate fake promotion, the American Mining Congress is pledged to give to inquiring members information absolutely unbiased, collected from unprejudiced sources, largely its own trusted correspondents, and to have but one end in view—the protection of the investor, its belief being that every dollar improperly invested is a damage to all legitimate mining, and that the highest good of the mining industry may be served by warning investors against improper investments and furnishing such information as will guide them into channels which give promise of success.

The geology of Africa, not withstanding the many expeditions to the country, is little known. Very ancient crystalline rocks have been found rising into mountain ranges, at intervals spread over a large area. Most of the rocks overlying these ranges belong to the older formations, suggesting that the continent is antique. The sands that cover this large area are believed to be mainly of Aeolian origin, and have not been formed by the action of water. The porous clay that occurs so abundantly in West Africa is of comparatively recent date. Around the great lakes are numerous evidences of vast volcanic activity, perhaps recent. There is no gainsaying the fact that Africa is one of the richest mineral producing countries in the world. Its gold mines are in the lead, and its diamond industry is virtually a monopoly and may continue to be so indefinitely.—Chicago Mining World.

The May output of gold from the Witwatersrand has again broken all records and inasmuch as the improvement is mainly due to an allround efficiency combining higher stamp duty and improved extraction, it is a matter of congratulation. The total output was 461,202 ounces with a value of £1,959,002. This exceeds the previous record, that of March last, by 17,479 fine ounces or £74,247. The introduction of the tube mills in now being appreciated as the high tonnage per stamp shows. The Knights Deep still maintains its position with a daily duty per stamp of 7.71 tons, but others are gradually creeping up.

In accident insurance the companies rate several occupations ahead of mining by reason of their hazard, namely, the manufacture of gunpowder, brakemen on trains, employes of rolling mills, etc., says the Mining World. Among the business and professional classes much the greater loss is the result of accidents by horse and car, rials and automobile. It is worthy of remark that notwithstanding the popular belief that mining as a profession is very hazardous, the casualties that prove fatal are comparatively less than in some other branches of industrial career.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS

Heine Krug, formerly of the Coast league, has introduced into the New York State league the trick of waiting till the catcher has the ball, is in the act of returning it to the pitcher and second base uncovered before starting to steal. Then he makes a dash. He succeeded with this steal not fewer than a dozen times on the home grounds, but now he is watched so closely that it is a bit hard for him to get away with it.

A western horseman gives this advice to automobilists regarding the best course to pursue when they meet a restless horse: "When you are coming up on a horse and see that he is nervous, do not fiddle around in the road, but turn on all the power you have until you have passed him, providing you have plenty of room. The sooner it is all over with the better for the horse. By putting on speed you simply reduce the duration of agony. Have you ever noticed a horse shying at an automobile standing still? Sometimes it is hard to get the horse to pass it, but if that automobile could, in a jiffy, be whisked by out of sight, the animal would soon resume its usual gait."

There comes a curious story by way of Toledo regarding the champion trotting stallion, Cresceus (2:02 3/4). This story is to the effect that Cresceus has turned rogue, refuses to take training this season and George H. Ketchum, his former trainer, so the story goes has been requested by Mr. Savage to go to Minneapolis and see what he can do with the old champion.

It is reported that he apparently has all of his old-time speed, but that he will not trot and shows every inclination of being determined not to allow himself to be raced again.

This thing of a horse turning rogue and refusing to be either trained or raced, while not common, is by no means unusual, and numerous cases might be cited of great race horses

growing tired of the strenuous work of training and racing and absolutely refusing to trot.

Herman C. Hirschy, the professional traphooter well known to Montana sportsmen because of several trips through this state, recently made 214 straight breaks at the traps in Minneapolis, establishing a new ground record. The previous ground record was also held by Hirschy, and was 177. In another recent effort he broke 199 out of 200. The first hundred was straight.

In Chicago recently a well known clergyman of that village delivered a eulogy on baseball which made up the major portion of his evening sermon, and was very well received by his congregation. "Base ball is an intellectual developer," said Rev. C. J. Sage, pastor of the Park Ridge Congregational church. "No fool can play it and win. You must keep your wits about you and think. At any moment the situation may change entirely, and the player should be quick as a flash to grasp his opportunity and act. It is pretty work. The game does not end on the diamond. Its benefit is lasting. Playing ball keeps a man from the low forms of vice by providing an outlet for his surplus vital force. It teaches self-control, for the player must keep his temper to win. It develops courage and staying qualities. If you lose your nerve you lose the game. Some of you expected, perhaps, to hear me 'roast' Sunday base ball. I do not defend it, but it is no worse than other Sunday amusements. If I engage in the pursuit of pleasure on that day what right have I to complain of ball playing? Churches that break the Sabbath day by charging admission to entertainments on that day cannot well object to base ball games for profit on the same day. The game teaches tolerance."

Not even excepting the \$71,000 Watercross, no horse is held at Elmendorf with the esteem Salvador is regarded. Even on his shortest visits Haggin always pays his respects to Salvador by visiting the famous horse's stall or paddock. The Suburban winner of 1890 won the Haggin colors, \$120,120, more than any other horse ever did, and, though in the stud, he has never reproduced his matchless self, he is still the king of Elmendorf. Salvador is as active today at service at 20 years of age as when he first entered the stud at 5 years of age.

It wuz dis way. A mug come out wid a fancy bag all stripes an' big checks an' hands de bag to a little kiddo wot de calls de caddy. Den he takes a club out uv de bag an' takes a little wite ball an' puts it up on de top uv a lump of sand. Den, swift! an' hully gee! de ball wuz tree hundred feet in de air an' goin' seventy miles a hour fer kingdom come. "A good drive," says me friend. "Sure," says I, "I calls dat a fine ascension. 'Wen does it come down?" Den de odder guy he does de same stunt an' sends de ball four hundred feet in de sky an' knocks out two stars an' lands somewheres widin' ten feet uv de next hole. I thinks "Chee dis is all to de good, dese guys are de heavy hitters." But wait. Dey gets near to little spot dey calls a green an' den dey begins to send out little bunts tryin' to land in a hole about a inch across. I gets sore. "Swipe de ball," I yells, "I wants ter see a home run." But nay! nay! Pauline! dis wuz a buntin' game an' dey gives me de laugh. Finally one guy gets de ball in de hole; "Holed out in four," says de score keeper. "Wot?" says I, "dis is de first innin' an' no runs yet?" But dey puts de balls on a little knob of sand an' 'biff off dey goes again. Troo de winders uv heavin' an' you could hear 'em rebound from de peary gates. Den dey'd bunt a little more an' dats de game. Just chasin' dem dinky little balls over twenty miles uv grass an' tings.

'Wen dey gets troo we all has a high ball an' dey talks about stymes an' hazards an' bogies an' twenty odder tings till I goes dippy. Dat may be a great game, but I wants some 'hing excitin'.

Why say, afterwards I goes out wid a croquet mallet an' knocks one uv dem balls over tree tousand yards. Dis drive ting ain't so much after all.

Philadelphia, July 19.—Sam Berger, the California amateur heavyweight, tonight gave Philadelphia Jack O'Brien the hardest six-round battle of his career. Notwithstanding that O'Brien continuously sent his left to the chin and wind, Berger came back and forced the fighting in every round. O'Brien had all the advantage in the opening round and landed almost at will. His footwork seemed to dazzle Berger, but as the fight progressed the Californian improved.

In the second round Berger opened up a deep gash over O'Brien's left eye and the Philadelphian had Berger bleeding from the nose. Both were covered with blood as they went to their corners.

The third round was one of the fastest ever witnessed in this city between heavyweights. O'Brien was forced to use all his cunning to avoid Berger's rushes and the latter again opened up O'Brien's eye with a rush swing. Just before the close of the round O'Brien's short-arm jolt to Berger's jaw made the latter's knees knock together. Both men seemed tired when they went to their corners.

The fourth round was a repetition of the third. It was give and take from the time the men faced each other until the sound of the gong. O'Brien did the greater part of the leading in this round, as in the previous, but the blows did not have the force of Berger's.

Berger had the Philadelphian decidedly worried in the two closing rounds. When O'Brien led he would invariably jump in the air and swing his arm around Berger's neck, the evident intention being to tire his heavy opponent.

The men entered the ring in perfect condition, and as they had agreed to fight at catch weights, no announcement was made as to their respective weights. Berger's manager said that the Californian weighed about 200 pounds, while O'Brien weighed close to 175.

No decision is allowed in the bouts in this city, but it is said O'Brien had a little the best of it.

The players are discussing the latest escapade of Rube Waddell, who, although pitching shut-out games with great frequency, is taking desperate chances with his pitching arm. While the Athletics were in St. Louis Waddell bumped into Frak Gotch, the wrestler, and immediately challenged the catch-as-catch-can champion to an impromptu bout. Gotch was willing and they grappled in a cafe. The Rube seized Gotch around the waist and tried to lift him up and slam him to the floor. Gotch smiled indulgently. Finally Gotch took a half-Nelson and croch hold on Waddell, tied the southpaw in a double bowknot and heaved him into a corner. Rube limped to bed and had to be massaged by the trainer all the next day.

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MOSSBY NEWS NOTES. It is dry and warm in this section. The Two Dot outfit has gone home. W. H. Mosby has returned from Junction. The Fourth passed off very quietly here.

Miss Anna Mosby spent the Fourth at Musselshell. We now have a tri-weekly mail with Junction, bringing us two days from the railway, for which we are thankful.

J. M. Pollard died July 1. He had been in feeble health for some time, and his demise was not unexpected. He was at the home of his daughter during his past illness, and he was laid to rest from the home July 3, the services being attended by many relatives and friends. Mr. Pollard had almost passed the allotted three score and ten years, being 69 years of age. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community in its affliction.

Miss Ella Pollard and Ben Pollard came over from Bozeman to attend the funeral of their father. Miss Pollard will visit with her sister, Mrs. K. E. Park for a short time. Miss Jessie Belcheur and brother, of Lavina, were visiting here recently.

John Hill and family have gone to Lewistown. John Rowton has gone to the county seat.

Sandige & Gilfeather have gone to Lewistown for an irrigating plant. It is reported that the Kismet post-office has been discontinued.

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Lepers in the Philippines. Washington, July 19.—Even leprosy cannot force Filipinos to abandon politics. The bureau of insular affairs has received reports of a meeting recently held on the island of Cullion by the leper colony, for the choice of a president and "consejales" or councilmen.

The lepers took occasion at the time of the election to formulate resolutions thanking the Philippine government for the excellent quarters it has provided for them on the island, which is given over entirely to the unfortunates and will eventually be made the home of all the 5,000 lepers in the archipelago.

At present there are more than 600 of the unfortunates in the colony.

SUMMONS.—In the District Court of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Fergus. David Hilger, plaintiff, vs. Grogran De Prate, Alfred De Prate, Dorcas Traver, Dorcas C. Traver, Dorcas C. Traver, Dorcas C. Travers, Harriet Houghtaling, Harriet Hotaling, Harriet Hotaling and Harriet Hotaling, defendants.

The State of Montana sends greetings to the above named defendants, and to each of them: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon each of you in the county wherein you reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you, by default, for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The same action is brought for the purpose of obtaining judgment and decree of said court in favor of said plaintiff and against the above named defendants forever quieting plaintiff in his title and possession of that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Lewistown, in Fergus County, Montana, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All of lot numbered twelve (12) in block lettered F numbered twelve (12) of the original site of said Lewistown according to the plats thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of the said county of Fergus, excepting that portion of said lot numbered twelve (12) comprising a strip of ground thirty feet wide extending the entire length of said lot bounded and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said lot twelve (12), running thence southeasterly along the southwest boundary line of said lot on Fifth avenue to the southwest corner of said lot, thence thirty feet along the southeasterly boundary line of said lot along the alley to a point, thence ninety feet northwesterly and parallel with the southwesterly boundary line of said lot to a point on the northwesterly boundary line of said lot at Main street and thence southwesterly along Main street to the northwest corner of said lot and place of beginning; that said defendants and each of them may be barred of and from all right, title, interest and estate in and to said premises and every part thereof and that said plaintiff's title may be adjudged and decreed to be a good and valid one, as against all claims thereto by said defendants and each of them and all persons claiming under the said defendants and each of them, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable as the nature of the case may require, as will more fully appear in plaintiff's verified complaint, to which reference is hereby made, and for costs of suit.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 13th day of July, 1906. JOHN B. RITCH, Clerk of Court. Blackford & Blackford, Lewistown, Mont., attorneys for plaintiff. First publication July 17.

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