

THE GAGNON.

The First Lode Discovered in This District.

The Gagnon mine is situated on an extensive lode running east and west just north of the limits of the Butte town site. On this lode are the locations now known as the Original Butte, which is the farthest west, the Gagnon, and just west of the Gagnon, the Original. The Caledonia, not yet developed, lying just west of the Original Butte shaft, on the same lode. On what is supposed to be the extension of this same rich lode is the Parrott. The Gagnon lode claim was located under that name, in the Summit Valley Mining District, February 21, 1877, by Patrick Meagher and Antoine Gagnon, and was filed for record February 22, 1877, at 8 o'clock p. m. The general description of the claim is as follows: It begins at a stake on the "Original lode," and runs north 100 feet; thence west 500 feet; thence south 200 feet; and thence east 500 feet to the place of beginning. This claim was formerly known as the Original and included the west half of Discovery Claim, so called because it was the first lead discovered in this camp. It also includes claims number 1 and 2 west from the discovery on the "Original" lode. It embraces also one hundred feet on each side of the lode centre and is one of the richest and most valuable mines in Summit Valley district.

The ground covered by the Gagnon was originally located about the year 1866 or 1867, and this was one of the very first locations made in this district. Consequently it was called the "Original," the name now borne by the claim next east of the Gagnon.

The croppings along the lode furnished without any exception the most promising surface indications in the district, which probably accounts for its early location.

Geo. O. Humphreys was the first locator and from him Col. J. C. C. Thornton, in 1868 or '69, purchased originally some 400 feet, subsequently buying more. Afterwards Col. Thornton resold a portion of his interest to Mr. Humphreys, and from that time on till about the year 1875 but little if any work was done in the mine outside of the necessary work of representation.

In the latter part of that year representation failed by a few days, through a mistake of dates on the part of the then owners. On the 19th day of December, 1878, John C. Belk located the Anna Maria and claimed subsequently that this location included the Gagnon. Belk's location was made just two weeks before Colonel Thornton's representation expired, and on this fact turned the most important point of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States recently made in Col. Thornton's favor.

In the meantime the year expired and Col. Thornton's representation failed. In the following February Henry Meagher and Antoine Gagnon relocated the claim and gave it for the first time the name which it now bears. Their location was a legally valid one, and appreciating this fact Col. Thornton proceeded to buy out a large portion of their interest in the mine, buying first from Meagher and then from Gagnon. Altogether Col. Thornton bought one-half then one-eighth and finally one twenty-fourth interest in the Gagnon claim, and the remaining interests were purchased from Meagher and Gagnon by Messrs. Joseph Rosenthal, Timothy Kelley, and Joel W. Ransom. During the year 1877 the mine was developed with a windlass; afterwards a whim was put in and then the present steam power hoisting works were erected about the year 1879.

At present the Gagnon is pretty fairly developed, levels having been run to its eastern and western limits on the one, two and three hundred foot levels, with stopes, winzes etc., to correspond.

Its average daily output in pay ore is about 30 tons, averaging to the ton 15 per cent. copper and from 60 to 70 ounces in silver.

There are several thousands tons of ore on the dump; the product of the Gagnon up to this time has simply been enormous. The ore is exceedingly compact and heavy, being about 95 per cent. mineral, a single bucket weighing one thousand pounds.

In the case recently decided the counsel for Mr. Belk made the ingenious assertion that although his location of the Anna Maria was made some two weeks

before Col. Thornton's claim was jumpable, for non-representation, still Belk had the right prior to that of Meagher and Gagnon, under which the present owners held, for the reason that his title was "initiated" before the former location expired, and consequently took effect as soon as the year was passed, and before Messrs. Meagher and Gagnon entered. This point was however decided against them, and the valuable Gagnon mine is now the undisputed property of Messrs. Thornton, Rosenthal, Kelly and Ransom.

BARRET & JACKY.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in Harness and Saddlery and Butts Agents for Hill's Concord Buggy and Team Harness.

Among material manufacturers there is none more attractive than that of leather goods, from the goatskin portemonnaie up to the cavalry saddle, and no better place can be found for a thorough examination of the latest styles and most improved methods than the store rooms of Barret & Jacky, on West Park street.

Four years ago these enterprising and highly successful business men commenced this branch of trade with a capital of no more than several hundred dollars, and exemplify now, by their large and profitable operations and full and attractive stock, that success which is sure to follow energy and enterprise. The Butte place of business of Messrs. Barret & Jacky is on the south side of West Park street, just east of the bridge. Their neat and airy sales-rooms and bright looking goods fulfill the promise of the handsome exterior of their building. A cut in this issue gives a fair idea of the appearance of their sales and warerooms. They are Butte agents for Hill's Concord Double and Single Buggy Harness and Hill's Team Harness, keeping a full supply of these first-class goods on hand. They are also agents for the Main & Winchester Heavy Team Harness, and have on hand and for sale these and all other varieties of harness, saddles, bridles, robes, straps, rings and leather finishing goods. Around the clean, airy walls of their store may be seen every description usually kept in such establishments, including every species of bits, snaffles, rings, robes, belts, buckles, whips, horse blankets and sleigh bells. In addition to their goods kept in stock, Barret & Jacky themselves manufacture, in the most approved fashion, all kinds of saddles, harness and appropriate leather finishing goods. No one who deals or even feels an interest in this business should fail to call on them.

GEORGE W. NEWKIRK.

Sample Rooms.

Every one knows George Newkirk. He is one of the founders of Butte, being one of the first men to open a business in our thriving young city. He has one of the most elegantly arranged bars in Montana, having spared neither pains nor expense in fitting it up. The finest brands of cigars and liquors are kept constantly on hand. Imported cigars, wines and brandies are made a specialty. Mr. Newkirk and his assistants, Bob Foster and Gus Engle, are experts in their business, and if you want to relish a first-class cocktail just give Bob Foster the word, and you can bet you will get as fine a one as can be had in any place in Montana. Gus Engle is always ready to give a man anything he may call for in the shape of a fancy mixed beverage, being an expert. There is no fancy drink made nowadays that Gus cannot mix up to a queen's taste. Mr. Newkirk is a man that always likes to meet his friends, and when they call upon him, whether they come to spend their money or go into his neat and cosy club room to read all the latest illustrated and pictorial papers from all parts of the United States, or to have a good, jovial conversation with Bob Foster, is all the same. If you are gentlemanly you are always welcome. If you have been out in the cold and feel like refreshing and warming yourself, go into Newkirk's Sample Rooms, call for a Tom and Jerry, or a hot scotch; or if you don't want a hot drink call for a drink of fine, imported brandy, or Keller's six-year old whisky.

If you have a friend that you wish to treat in first-class style take him into the private club room and open a bottle of Mumm's extra dry; or, if you want a smoke call for an imported Paul Morphy or Diaz y Garcia. In fact, if you want anything that is good go to Newkirk's, next door to Centennial Hotel, and you will be certain to get what you want.

JAMES WARFIELD.

Star Stables.

Somewhat over a year ago Mr. Warfield opened a livery and feed stable on Main street, below Park. The stables are commodious and comfortable, having everything arranged in first-class style, and keeping men employed that understand their business. The stable is well supplied with good water; is in a good location and increasing in popularity every day. Boarding and transient stock are well cared for, and fed with the best grain and hay that may be had in this market. Mr. Warfield has a fine lot of horses, buggies and carriages that are used in connection with his livery department, and can give you a fine turn out of either a saddle horse, or single or double carriage or buggy. Don't fail to give him a call.

Table of Distances.

The following tables show the distances between Chicago and points west as may be reached by the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad routes and may be relied upon as being correct: UNION PACIFIC ROUTE.

Chicago to	Miles.
Ogden	1530
Silver Bow	1940
Butte	1948
Deer Lodge	1974
Helena	2088

Chicago to	Miles.
St. Paul	409
Billings (Yellowstone Valley)	1481
Helena	1557
Garrison (Mouth Little Blackfoot)	1607
Deer Lodge	1618
Butte	1657

LEE W. FOSTER & CO.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries, Liquors and Tobaccos.

This is the oldest wholesale and retail grocery house in Butte. They occupy one of the largest store rooms in the city, which is situated on Main street between Broadway and Park, a cut of which appears in this issue. They do the largest and steadiest retail business of any other establishment of the kind in the Territory, besides having a very extensive wholesale trade. They ship goods to all portions of this and adjoining counties. Their stock includes domestic and foreign goods, consisting in part of fine Japan and English breakfast teas, a full assortment of canned fruits and vegetables and all kinds of fancy and staple groceries. They keep constantly on hand the very best of flour, grain and produce, selling them at prices that defy competition. One of the members of the firm is almost constantly in the East purchasing goods. They buy large stocks get them at the lowest figures possible, and sell on small margins, thereby giving their customers the best of bargains. Their stock of staple and fancy groceries is unsurpassed in the Territory. Their prices are as low as the lowest. They are determined not to be undersold, and invite each and every cash customer to examine their goods before purchasing elsewhere. The stock of liquors, wines, tobaccos and cigars kept by this house is of the very best, having purchased them from houses that turn out nothing but first-class goods. They are the agents for the celebrated Hazard Blasting and Sporting powder, and also for the Giant powder, caps and fuse, and in fact, keep everything pertaining to mining supplies.

Messrs. Lee W. Foster and S. A. Estes are the resident partners of this establishment. Mr. Estes has been among us for the past year or so, and those that have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance speak very highly of him. Lee Foster is too well known for us to add anything by what we may say to his well-earned reputation, he being one of the oldest residents of Silver Bow county. Lee W. Foster & Co. are, in fact, one of the leading houses in the Territory.

Oasey & Brophy, Groceries, Clothing, Dry Goods, Etc.

These popular gentlemen have been in business here since last summer, during which time they have greatly extended their trade and formed many warm friends. Their stock of dry goods, clothing and groceries is unsurpassed. They have in stock a complete line of foreign and domestic, staple and fancy groceries, the best Japan teas and other choice brands of teas, and also a stock of liquors and wines. Doing a brisk business, their goods are constantly being sold out and replenished with new and fresh importations, thus giving the consumer fresh and delicious articles of food. They keep a delivery wagon always in readiness to deliver goods to any portion of the city. Their custom is steadily increasing every day, which is wholly due to their being bright, enterprising and thorough business men, who are always bound to prosper. Their stock of dry goods and their clothing department are by no means inferior to the elegant stock of groceries kept by them. They sell an immense quantity and are constantly replenishing. Their establishment on the corner of Main and Broadway is one of the finest locations in Butte. Give them a share of your custom and you will surely be satisfied. The trial will lead into a permanent trade and all hands will be delighted.

Richardson & Butler, Mint Sample Rooms.

It is conceded by all that this is certainly one of the most attractive and cosy places in this city. They not only have all of the first-class trade of Butte, but strangers when they come to the city drop into their parlors as naturally as they would into a first-class hotel. The business men of the city go there to refresh themselves, take their friends, acquaintances and spend what spare time they have in these elegantly and sumptuously furnished parlors. Their only regret when departing always is that their business calls them away and that cannot stay in this palace of Butte forever. You may ask why it is that this house has such a reputation for keeping so grand a place. The secret is this: you can call for first-class refreshments, and you can rest assured that your orders will be as promptly attended to and in as good a style as in any place in the West. Such goods as Anderson's '75 whisky, Flannet & Co.'s '65 brandy, Mumm's extra dry, and dry Verseny wines, the imported La Arabella, Paul Morphy and La Flor Dias Laso, and the finest brands of domestic cigars that cannot be beat in any place west of Chicago. To enumerate all of their fine selected stock would occupy too much space, and we ask our readers to go there and see for themselves. If you want to spend a social hour or two with your friends a more pleasant place cannot be found for enjoyment in the city than in one of Richardson & Butler's elegant private parlors. The gentlemanly proprietors and their assistant, Mr. Matt Slater, well known all over the Pacific Coast, will be found at their posts on their respective shifts, Charlie Richardson from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., Jack Butler from 4 p. m. to 12 m., and Matt Slater from midnight until 8 a. m. The business of this firm has been so successful that they recently purchased the neat and elegant rooms they now occupy, paying therefor a handsome sum.

Newton Bros., Druggists.

This firm opened their store in this city in June last. Their stock is entirely fresh and new, every dollar's worth having been bought this summer under the personal supervision of Mr. C. W. Newton, the junior member of the firm. Besides their elegant stock of drugs and chemicals, they keep an elegant line of lamps, chandeliers and fixtures, stationery, cigars, perfumery, toilet articles, etc. Mr. T. P. Newton is well and favorably known throughout Montana, having lived in Helena for a number of years. Mr. Clarence W. Newton came to Montana last spring from Lexington, Ky., and is a graduate of one of the best schools of pharmacy in the United States. The fact of his being a brother of T. P. Newton is a recommendation in itself throughout Montana. Their drug store is open for business day and night, Mr. C. W. Newton attending to the compounding of prescriptions, ably assisted by Mr. Allen Hale. An examination of their stock and prices is solicited.