

THE WANDERING JEW.

Notes of His Travels from New York to Butte.

I am glad to be able, Messrs. Editors, to contribute to the Holiday MINER a few notes, unfortunately not bank notes, made by a wandering Jew during a flying trip to Butte.

I started—I regret to say I am subject to fits and starts—from New York, I forget when (figs I am pretty good at, but not dates), and arrived at Silver Bow Junction without any event worthy of note having occurred, merely having undergone the usual fatigue attending such a journey. At the Junction, however, I found to my chagrin that it was the terminus of the road, so I suddenly became stage-struck, or, in other words, I struck the stage, by which I was safely deposited at the doors of the Centennial Hotel. Here I was most kindly taken in, and yet not taken in in the vulgar acceptance of the term, by its excellent proprietor, Dr. Beal. Him I found after a few moments conversation, even if he had not been a landlord, to be a perfect host in himself. Finding it necessary to indulge in nature's sweet restorer, I immediately retired to my room, and after sleeping the sleep of the just, was up betimes the next morning. Hastily despatching my matutinal meal, I sallied forth to see the lions that Butte afforded. I had not gone far, though perhaps a little too far gone, before I came across a gentleman who introduced himself to me as the Western correspondent of an Eastern paper, and by whose persuasive eloquence I was induced, especially after having so recently read of the Star route and Newark Bank frauds, to subscribe to the journal he represented in St. Louis. He kindly accompanied me to the MINER Publishing Company's office, and made me acquainted with its managers, by whom I was most courteously received. I was shown the MINER's magnificent collection of minerals, of which I can only say, that even for the Cabinet of President Arthur to excel it each individual member composing it will have to show his mettle. Being like the Irishman, hospitably inclined, I felt a desire to visit the various hospitals, but understanding that one of them was not conducted on the live and let live principle I refrained from doing so, and wended my way instead—it being only a few steps from the sublime to the ridiculous—to the gambling saloons. In one of these, like most greenhorns, I ventured to try my luck, and placed my money on a card. I soon discovered to my sorrow—the experience of many a lawyer—that the case I had taken an interest in was a losing one. During my ramblings around town I passed the newly-erected schoolhouse, but from information that it was in an unsafe condition I did not enter, although the rumor of its shaky walls may have originated from a very weak foundation.

I am afraid I have already trespassed too long on the patience of the reader, so for the present I will conclude with the remark, that from what I have seen of the business activity and entire surroundings of Butte I feel confident it will prove the Mecca whither thousands of Pilgrims from all parts of the compass will flock during the coming year.

A farther description of my jottings—scarcely worth a jot—must remain over until next week, when, if not too weak, I intend to come out rather strong.

F. E. GLEASON,

Dentist.

This gentleman has been in business in this city for the past five or six years. Every one knows Doc., and it is useless for us to try to create a more favorable impression upon the minds of the public as to his abilities than now exists. He is up to all the latest improvements in his profession and can make you one tooth or a whole set. If you want a tooth extracted, Doc. Gleason is the man to do the business for you.

THE GREGORY MINE.

Its Magnificent Works—Rich Ores and Splendid Prospects.

About four miles in a westerly direction from the beautiful, booming town of Jefferson lays the magnificent Gregory mine and the little village that bears its name. As one descends the gentle declivity over a finely graded road that leads to this flourishing mining camp, the imposing buildings erected by the company, and the neat, comfortable dwellings nestling at the foot of the silver-ribbed mountain in which lies the famous mine, meet his astonished gaze, and he is at once impressed with the belief that the residents of this favored locality have "come to stay." After entering the town and noting the smiling countenance of Joe Allen, as he helps you to an appetizer, and of Brother Renshaw, as he provides you with substantial luxuries for the inner man, he is convinced his belief is well founded. But it is the mine that the writer more particularly desires to mention. Placing himself under the guidance of Mr. W. C. Child, one of the fortunate owners of this valuable property, he was placed in possession of the following interesting facts in regard to it:

The property is owned by the Gregory Consolidated Mining Company of New York, composed of Messrs. W. C. Child and L. R. Nettle of Helena, and some of their friends residing in New York and Boston. The capital stock of the company is 300,000 shares, of a par value of \$10 per share. None of the stock is on the market, the owners preferring to retain it. The mining claim is 1,600 feet in length by 600 feet in width, embracing within its boundaries a strong, well-defined lode of argentiferous galena. The mine is opened by two double-compartment, incline shafts 600 feet apart, each 400 feet in depth. These shafts are connected by four levels which, in addition to the winzes, open up about 3,000 feet of ore bodies, upon which but little stoping has been done. A fifth level is in course of completion. Upon the dumps at the hoisting works, and below them, are 6,500 tons of ore, over one-third of which is first-class, assaying as follows:

Lead..... 45 per cent.
Silver..... 70 ounces.
Gold..... 1 ounce.

During the past two years the work upon the mine has been confined principally to running levels and opening up the ground. This being accomplished, and ore bodies being exposed of sufficient volume to keep extensive reduction works in operation for two years without further sinking or explorations, the company decided last summer to build them on the ground. That these works should be superior in every respect the company secured the services of Professor C. Hesse, one of the most experienced and favorably known mining experts in the West. Under his skillful supervision the most convenient, and as far as the handling of ores is concerned, the most economical reduction works in the Territory have been constructed. The one main feature which entitles them to this distinction is the fact that from the moment the ore reaches the surface until every particle of its value is extracted there is no occasion to apply any lifting power to handle it. The same may be said in regard to the coal and wood used. Every track or tramway and chute is so nicely arranged that the simple force of gravitation is sufficient to transport all the ores and fuel worked and used to their respective places in the concentrator and smelter. These latter are models of their kind, the entire plant being of the

latest improved patterns, and placed with the view of economizing space, power, fuel and labor. The concentrating works at present are designed to treat thirty tons of ore per day, with capacity and power to handle sixty tons per day if necessary. The smelter, which is situated immediately below the concentrator, is supplied with the necessary number of reverberators to dispose of all the concentrations. One main flue furnishes all the necessary draft. This flue is 550 feet in length, 6 feet high in the clear by 3 feet wide; arched the entire length; plastered inside with fire clay, and terminates in a stack about thirty feet high, making a total elevation of 175 feet.

As has been stated, the ore passes from the working shaft through its different stages of treatment without being subjected to a lifting power. A single exception should be noted. All ore from the mine which requires roasting is elevated by steam power to the kilns, which are situated just above the tramway, and from thence descend to the proper place for treatment. A perfectly protected ditch carries a full supply of pure soft water from a never-falling stream near by, and in case of fire the whole volume can be turned upon the flames. Taking them all in all it is safe to assert the Gregory reduction works are the most complete, and for their capacity, the most economical of any other similar ones in the West. The cost of their construction did not exceed \$100,000. Great credit is due Professor Hesse for his skillful arrangement of the plant, and for the pains which he has taken to accommodate every detail of the business to the harmonious working of the whole. Messrs. Child and Nettle have displayed unusual energy and perseverance in bringing the Gregory to the front as one of the great mining properties of the West, and in so doing they have earned a prominent place among the successful mining men of the day, and, what is quite as satisfactory, a fortune for themselves and for the stockholders of the company. The Gregory may be ranked as one of the great standard mines of the Territory.

M. MOSES.

Furrier, Corner Main and Quarts sts.

This gentleman keeps the best establishment of this kind in the city. Nothing but first-class goods are kept, and Mr. Moses has a reputation for being the best workman in his line in Montana. If you want an elegant silk-quilted lined beaver, or otter overcoat or gloves, call on him and you will have something that will last for years, and which you need not be ashamed to wear in any country.

Fire Insurance Agencies and Companies.

Fortunately for Montana this branch of business has, for the most part, been controlled by responsible agents, representing companies of good standing. Fire losses in portions of the Territory have been greater than the receipts. Butte City, however, has been more fortunate, and that too without an ample supply of water. We should, however, take lessons from other towns less fortunate. Notably Helena, Deadwood, and several other towns on the Pacific slope. Now that we are getting a moderate supply of water, and abundant pressure, fire patrols should be in order, with ample hose, always available in case of an emergency. There should also be cisterns within the reach of every business block, so that the fire est-

gine could be called into requisition at a moment's warning. We have a number of fire insurance agencies here. Among the most prominent, making the fire insurance business a specialty, is the firm of Ashby & Smith. Mr. S. C. Ashby has for many years been identified with the business throughout the Territory, being among the first to issue policies on Butte City property. The firm is ably represented by Mr. H. B. Smith, who is a thorough insurance man, watchful alike of the interests of their customers, and the companies they represent. They have a strong line of companies well-known to the people of the Territory, most of the companies having been in the field of insurance for twenty years and upwards. Their paid up capital and net surplus will compare favorably with any agency in the West.

W. T. MAULDIN.

Cigar Manufacturer and Tobacconist.

This gentleman came to Butte just a little over a year ago, opened with a first-class stock of goods, and has kept nothing but the very best since. His stock of cigars, tobaccos, pipes and smokers' articles of all kinds is unsurpassed in quality by any other house of the kind in the Territory. One of the most recent enterprises inaugurated in Butte is the opening of a first-class cigar manufactory by Mr. Mauldin. As yet his variety of brands is limited, having started up this addition to his business a few days ago, but he informs us that in a short time he will have a nice variety of brands to suit the taste of any and every one that uses the precious weed. The "Hot Springs," one of his own manufacture, is an elegant and deliciously flavored cigar. He has engaged as his manufacturer the services of Mr. Tyler D. Featherly, who came here from the East, and has had an experience of fifteen years in his profession. We would state that Mr. Mauldin only purchases the very best lines of leaf tobacco with which to make up his goods. His lines of chewing and smoking tobaccos are purchased from the best eastern establishments; such goods as Lorillard's being good enough in any country. The sign on the outside of the establishment reads: "A Good Cigar for a Rit." Try one of his "Boquets," manufactured by a New York house, and if you don't think he has the right kind of a sign on the outside, then we are not a judge. Mr. Mauldin wishes the public to particularly understand that he keeps first-class goods only. He will be found on West Park street.

J. CHAUVIN.

Brokerage and Commission Dealer in all kinds of Merchandise, First and Second Hand.

Mr. J. Chauvin's second hand goods store and storage and commission house on Quarts street is one of the most flourishing establishments in the city—almost indispensable in a large town. Mr. Chauvin proves to be the right man in the right place, as his growing business and popularity clearly shows. It is seldom that we find a business of this kind conducted with such satisfaction to the public. His store is almost a museum of itself, and will repay a visit, being a ready market for all kinds of goods that people wish to dispose of in a mixed population like ours. Goods from nearly all parts of the world are to be found there. We congratulate Mr. Chauvin on his merited success, and Butte in having so practical a business man at the head of a necessary establishment.