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THOUGH not by any means—either in a literary or mechanical way—what we could wish or what we hoped to make it, we take pleasure in submitting to our readers this extra edition of *THE MINER* as a New Year greeting. We feel confident that all our readers will find it not only interesting, but worthy of preservation for future reference. It contains matter that has never appeared in print and much that cannot be found in so convenient a form. The work of compilation was not begun until December 1st and the progress of the work has been much retarded by want of mechanical facilities, presses and printers. The want of these important factors in the production of work of this character has compelled us to omit much matter of interest especially prepared for this edition and will also account for the lack of finish to the work. However, it was not intended to make it a fine specimen of printing, but to serve an utilitarian purpose. Its aim is to present to the world a fair, honest and unexaggerated account of Butte, her mines, mills, smelters and commercial importance. Also, of the progress that Montana has made in material development and to give some idea of her great possibilities. Only such historical data is given as is believed will be found useful and of general interest. If we have, under the untoward circumstances, accomplished our main aim, we shall be content. Strong in the sense of a conscientious effort, we submit our greeting to our friends in the utmost confidence of their approbation.

BUTTE'S water supply is excellent.

BEEES do not prosper in Montana.

THE Montana horse has great possibilities.

EPIDEMIC diseases are very rare in Montana.

MONTANA has a population of 150,000 souls.

THE days of the stage coach are numbered.

FRUIT culture is making great strides in Montana.

THE outlook for the cattle industry never was better.

MONEY is worth from one to two per cent. in Butte.

By July next Butte will have a population of 40,000.

NEARLY all the secret societies are represented in Butte.

THE Territory will double in population in the next five years.

MONTANA is for silver and against any party that is inimical to it.

THERE are more than one million head of cattle now upon the ranges of Montana.

If you want to find anything in this volume consult the index.

BUTTE is the greatest and most prosperous mining camp on earth.

THE Butte Gas Company has about five miles of mains laid in Butte.

THE finances of Butte and of Silver Bow County are in excellent condition.

IN no place in America can capital be so advantageously applied as in Butte.

BUTTE sends greeting to the world at large, with the best wishes of the season.

THE temperance workers have gained a foothold in Butte, and are doing excellent work.

MONTANA should be admitted into the Union by the present Congress, along with Dakota.

THE public schools of Butte are so good that not a single private school exists in the city.

THE Silver Bow County Court-house is one of the most handsome public structures in Montana.

THE city of Butte is lighted from city limit to city limit by the Brush system of electric lights.

WESTERN MONTANA can control the politics of the Territory, if so inclined. It has the votes to do it.

FIVE million dollars in silver and ten millions in copper represent the product of Butte for 1885.

IN the future Butte will have two meetings of its Racing Association, one in the spring and one in the fall.

AS this holiday edition will show, churches and schools go hand in hand with the pioneers in the great West.

TEN THOUSAND copies of this edition have been printed, and 8,000 were ordered before the edition came from the press.

MONTANA'S Indian war claim now before the Third Auditor of the United States Treasury, amounts to \$248,000.

THERE is no end to the number of hot springs, whose waters have great medicinal virtues, to be found in Montana.

NEARLY all the Christian churches are represented in Butte, and illustrations of their edifices are given in this issue.

MONTANA has the best beef in the world. Our cattle lead the market by from one cent to three per pound everywhere.

THE Messenger service of Butte is under the control of the District Telegraph system, which is capitalised for \$25,000.

POLITICIANS and persons interested in the growth of the Territory will find the political tables in this work of great interest.

THE hospitals of Butte are a credit to the community. They indicate the existence of great humanity and philanthropy.

THE Butte postoffice returns a net revenue to the Government of \$14,000 per annum. It is cramped for room, and always unable to handle the business expeditiously for want of sufficient clerical force.

SILVER BOW COUNTY, of which Butte is the capital, has a population of 25,000 people. It will cast 7,000 votes next Fall.

THE assessed valuation of Silver Bow County is \$7,546,731. Silver Bow is the smallest, but the richest, county in the Territory.

MONTANA is a grand mountain country. It is calculated to produce a hardy race, who will achieve all the possibilities of the Territory.

THERE is no Territory or State whose possibilities are greater than those of Montana. It has all the elements that make States great.

THE Northern Pacific main line will be built into Butte early in the spring. It will come from Garrison through the Deer Lodge valley.

THE Butte Miners' Union is a blessing to the camp. It is conducted on conservative principles and has the full confidence of the mine operators.

THE Denver and Rio Grande Railroad is the great scenic line of the country. In coming to or going from Montana go over this line. Its scenery is not equalled in the world.

NEW YEAR'S day and not the least signs of snow. Up to now heavy underclothing and overcoats have not been essential to comfort here. Such is "the rigorous climate of Montana."

THE output of gold dust from the placer mines of Deer Lodge county, for the year 1885, was about \$150,000. The banking house of Clark & Larabee, at Deer Lodge, purchased two-thirds of this amount.

NO where else in the world are such luscious potatoes grown as Montana. Despite the high rate of freight, their superiority makes their sale in St. Paul and Minneapolis, at a profit, a possibility.

THIS edition will show the commercial importance of Butte, though it doesn't by any means show all the business houses of Butte. Indeed, only a small proportion have seen fit to make themselves known to the public.

THE geological conditions of Butte are fully described elsewhere. For this report we are indebted to Mr. Williams, Chief of this division of the Geological Survey, which is doing excellent work for the mining industry.

WHILE we give unusual prominence to the counties West of the range, in this edition, we have not neglected the balance of the Territory. It has been our aim to give every section and every industry in the Territory a representation.

THE special article on "Fruit Growing in Montana," which will be found in this edition, has been contributed by Mr. Will H. Sutherland, one of the editors of the *Rocky Mountain Husbandman*. It is thoroughly reliable and of unusual interest.

By some mysterious oversight the name of W. A. Clark was not included in the list of heavy taxpayers elsewhere published. He is one of the largest property holders in the city and county, and one of the heaviest taxpayers in the Territory—not only through the large number of corporations with which he is identified and in which he is the leading factor, but also in an individual capacity.

MR. L. W. PECK, editor of the *Wool Grower*, Fort Benton, is the author of the special article in this edition on "Sheep in Montana." It will be read with interest by all classes, and especially by those who contemplate going into the business.

THIS New Year number is gratuitously issued to every subscriber of the *Daily* or *Semi-Weekly MINER*. Every subscriber is entitled to a copy, free. Though not what we could wish it, it is a valuable New Year greeting, and will be found worthy of preservation.

THE *DAILY MINER* is the great newspaper of Montana. It is sold at \$12 per year. The *Semi-Weekly* at \$4 per year and the *Weekly* at \$2. Persons desiring to be posted upon the resources of Montana should subscribe for it. The *Weekly Edition* will be illustrated.

THE *MINER* Publishing Company issues daily, semi-weekly and weekly editions. The daily receives and publishes the full Associated Press dispatches, is issued every day of the year, including Sundays and holidays, and is recognized as the leading newspaper of the Northwest.

THE *Financial and Mining Record*, published at New York, has shown more sympathy with the mining men of the Great West than all the rest of the alleged mining papers of the East. The *Record* has been and is the staunch friend of silver, and has always had a good word for Butte. The people of the West should bear this in mind.

THE wood-cuts used in this edition were made for us by Drant & Hawtin, of Chicago, to whom we make acknowledgement of indebtedness for the prompt manner in which they performed their work, and the excellence of their products. These engravings were all made from photographs by Thomas H. Rutter, of this city, the portrait and landscape artist. The joint work is creditable to both.

SINCE the publication of Mr. Wilson's paper on "Montana Journalism," which will be found in full in this edition, the *News* has been established in Walkerville, this county; Mr. J. E. Hendery has withdrawn from the *Livingston Enterprise*, having disposed of his interest therein to his former partner; and Mr. H. T. Brown has disposed of his interest in *THE MINER*, and withdrawn from its management.

THE *WEEKLY MINER* is sent anywhere for \$2 per year. The weekly is handsomely illustrated, containing views of the mines, smelters, landscapes, portraits of important personages, cuts of residences and business houses, etc., all illustrating the progress of the development of the Territory. It contains a weekly summary of the shipments of bullion, matte and ore and of the operations of the mines. Persons desiring to be posted on Butte and Montana cannot do without *THE WEEKLY MINER*.

THE *MINER*, in this special edition, gives the first authentic report of the vote of the Territory between the years 1864 and 1874. The returns of the Territory between those years were not recorded in any regular book. *THE MINER*, to secure these figures, had to go to the original returns in the Territorial Secretary's office and sort them out of the official papers. The figures given are absolutely correct. An alleged "History of Montana," issued several months ago, says that McLean ran against Upson, in the first place; this is a mistake. Sanders ran against Upson, and the returns given are official.