

THE SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE.

A Very Brief Notice of the Game and Fish That Abound in the Several Sections of Montana.

Montana offers greater attraction to sportsmen than any other portion of the American Continent. In all the mountainous regions there are still large numbers of elk, black and white tailed deer, mountain sheep and bears. In addition to these the Bitter Root Mountains offer moose and mountain goats. In all parts the cougar, or mountain lion is occasionally met with, as well as wild-cats and the Canadian lynx. The prairie regions abound in prairie chickens, sage hens and other varieties of the grouse tribe, and in the mountains the blue grouse (among the finest of all feathered game) can be found in vast numbers, especially in the west end of the Territory. The innumerable lakes and streams are covered with myriads of ducks and geese in the fall months, and some of them are haunted by the regal swan and the ungainly pelican. To the angler, Montana is a veritable paradise. Coming in from the East the first noted trout stream is the Clarke's Fork of the Yellowstone, for which the point of departure is Billings. This stream and its numerous tributaries are noted for the extraordinary abundance and size of the trout. In Little Rocky and Paint Creeks, which put into Clarke's Fork a short distance below the canyon, it is not impossible for a couple of good anglers to load a wagon with the most gamey and delicious mountain trout in a day's fishing. A short distance from Cooke City is Lake Abundance, so named because two men, fishing with flies, landed 240 pounds of trout in three hours. Rosebud Lake, south of Stillwater, is a noted resort for fishermen, who there enjoy ideal sport, and the most sublime mountain scenery. All the Yellowstone, from Stillwater to its source, offers excellent sport, easily accessible by rail at all points up to the National Park. Crossing from the Yellowstone over the Belt Range to the Gallatin, Madison, Jefferson and other headwaters of the Missouri, the sportsman may luxuriate among not only the gorgeously colored mountain trout, but also among the genuine grayling, which here attains a much larger size than in Michigan, which once was supposed to be its only habitat. In all the waters west of the Rocky Mountains; notably the Missoula, Bitter Root and Flathead Rivers, and Clarke's Fork of the Columbia and their branches, and in Flathead Lake, there is not only the mountain trout, running up to a weight of 5 to 7 pounds, but also the char, a large and beautiful variety of the trout, ranging from 5 to 30 pounds in weight. Trout Creek, which empties into the Little Blackfoot at Avon, a small station on the Northern Pacific Railroad, is well named. There, four gentlemen, in three hours, filled their baskets with the speckled tribe. About two miles west of Monita, on the Northern Pacific, Rock Creek empties into the Deer Lodge River. After going up from two to five miles into the canyon the sportsman is well rewarded for his labor of going to this secluded spot, the work of a few moments, and with "coachman" and a brown hackle on the leader, when the speckled beauties can be seen coming for the hooks "zip," "zip," and you have two trout on your line, when they will be prancing up and down the stream trying to wear each other out. One gentleman has been known to land, after a struggle of fifteen minutes, two trout which, after they were landed, weighed four pounds and a half. Another beautiful stream, which is clear of underbrush, and where the fisherman can use from 50 to 75 feet of line, is Flint Creek. In earlier days the trout left this mountain stream on account of the amount of placer mining which was being done on it, but of late years, the placer mines not being worked, the trout began running up the creek by the thousands. In a short time you fill your basket with trout that measure from 6 to 14 inches in this stream. The trout are very gamey and it is only the expert fisherman who can land the speckled beauties. In fact, the traveler through the mountainous regions of Montana is always within reach of some kind of game, and game fish ad libitum.

PYRENEES GOLD MINE, NEAR CABLE, M. T.

The Pyrenees Gold Mining Company has a property located near Cable, M. T. It was formerly owned by Cameron & Kelly but is now worked by a company officered as follows: J. K. Clark, President; R. B. Wallace, Vice-President; J. R. Clark, Treasurer; J. B. Cleveland, Secretary, and C. H. Moore, Superintendent. The company has begun to develop the mine in a systematic manner, and during the past summer put in complete hoisting works, consisting of the latest designs of machinery, including one 50-horse power boiler with double acting hoisting engines and everything else necessary to work the mine to a depth of 500 feet. The main shaft is now down 300 feet, and the results thus far, more than exceed the anticipations of the owners. Since the new company took charge the shaft has been sunk 100 feet and a cross-cut made on the 300 level to the vein. The west level has been driven 150 feet and the east 100 feet, both striking veins of pay ore that will run from two to four feet wide. A very remarkable feature of the mine is that the ore at this depth is a red oxide and very free. The company has a 10-stamp mill and the first run of 40 hours showed a saving of 92 2-10 from the plates and vanners, and thus far there has been no trouble in keeping the mill at work with the ores of the 300 level. The net product is now about \$4,000.00 per month, but this is expected to be increased the further the west drift is pushed. There are now only about 20 men employed in the mine and mill, but as development continues the number of miners will be increased and the mill enlarged.

STOCK AND MINING BROKERS.

Up to a short time ago, there did not appear to be any necessity, in Butte, for a stock or mining broker, but J. B. Leahy, an old time coast man, concluded there was a field and he would occupy it. He accordingly fitted up offices in an eligible locality, and at once entered upon a safe and lucrative business. Independent of his general business, he has introduced and placed all the needed Treasury stock of the Black Pine and the Flint Creek companies, that the management cared to sell, in order to develop those properties. He keeps thoroughly posted upon all the mining companies in Montana, and especially in and about Butte, and is always prepared to execute commissions for the purchase or sale of any stocks that are in the market. In his business transactions Leahy is conservative and reliable. Mr. Leahy is at present placing the stock of the Tuscarora Company, of Argenta, on the market.

The mineral wealth of Montana is inexhaustible; all the metals abound.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

The following is the roster of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Montana, and the several subordinate lodges in Butte. Odd Fellowship is in a healthy condition in the Territory and is on the increase:

Grand Lodge Officers of Montana—Grand Master, Wm. A. Means, Sheridan; Deputy Grand Master, Andrew Logan, Missoula; Grand Warden, S. I. Stone, Helena; Grand Secretary, A. J. White, Butte; Grand Treasurer, J. J. York, Butte; Grand Marshal, N. C. Kinney, Walkerville; Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge, Jacob Loeb, Helena, and H. McMurphy, Butte.

Grand Encampment of Montana—Grand Patriarch, J. P. McCabe, Helena; Grand Senior Warden, J. W. Miller, Glendale; Grand High Priest, J. Mendelsohn, Bozeman; Grand Junior Warden, D. Melkeljohn, Butte; Grand Scribe, A. J. White, Butte; Grand Treasurer, J. J. York, Butte; Grand Representative, W. Pinkham, Butte; Grand Instructor, H. McMurphy, Butte. The session of 1898 of both of the above meet in Butte on the third Wednesday of October.

Fidelity Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F.—Noble Grand, Thomas E. Gray; Vice-Grand, J. B. Coulter; Recording Secretary, J. J. York; Treasurer, Wm. T. Boardman; Permanent Secretary, James G. Evans. Membership, 121.

Ridgely Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F.—Noble Grand, Thomas Sturtridge; Vice-Grand, Charles Schatzlein; Recording Secretary, J. M. Albies; Treasurer, Thomas B. Mulvaney; Permanent Secretary, E. A. Shaw; Warden, Edwin Thomas; Conductor, John S. Gilston. Membership, 135.

Crusader Encampment No. 3, I. O. O. F.—Chief Patriarch, J. J. York; High Priest, Wm. Hamilton; Senior Warden, J. W. Chapman; Scribe, W. T. Boardman; Treasurer, J. M. Bowes. Membership, 24.

Summit Encampment No. 4, I. O. O. F.—Chief Patriarch, H. McMurphy; High Priest, R. Campana; Senior Warden, T. B. Mulvaney; Scribe, Geo. Pascoe; Treasurer, A. J. White; Junior Warden, D. Bernstein. Membership, 68.

Canton Wilsey No. 1, P. M., I. O. O. F.—Past Commandant, H. McMurphy; Captain, Wm. Pinkham; Lieutenant, Robert Nichols; Ensign, Thos. Sturtridge; Clerk, A. J. White; Accountant, Geo. Pascoe; Department Commander, J. P. McCabe, Helena. Membership, 32.

Miriam Lodge No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F.—Noble Grand, Mrs. M. L. Fifer; Vice-Grand, Mrs. B. F. Faxton; Secretary, Mrs. M. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Schatzlein; Permanent Secretary, J. W. Lamborn; Conductor, Mrs. T. B. Mulvaney. Membership, 92.

Harmony Lodge No. 3, Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F.—Noble Grand, Mrs. F. H. Pinkham; Vice-Grand, Mrs. Flora Pascoe; Secretary, Mrs. Anna McMurphy; Treasurer, Miss Etta Pinkham; Permanent Secretary, A. J. White; Warden, Mrs. Kate White; Conductor, Mrs. Irene Becker. Membership, 30.

THE MONTANA DELMONICO.

On West Broadway, Butte, near Main street, under the modest title of Fischer's Oyster and Chop House, is conducted the finest restaurant in Montana, and it is without an equal in Denver. In size it is comparatively unpretentious, the seating capacity being about 50, but in all other respects it is absolutely metropolitan. Its appointments are first-class in all respects. The furniture is of rosewood, the tableware, silver and linen is of the best quality that can be had and will compare with the service in any of the leading restaurants in the country. Both the main dining hall and the private rooms are lighted by incandescent light and the utmost care and watchfulness is used that cleanliness shall be observed throughout the entire establishment. The waiters are all trained and experienced, and the cooks are men who have done similar work in leading places, both East and West. The kitchen is furnished with the best of ranges and boilers and the cooking utensils are of the most approved design and material, the coppers being constantly re-tinned. The larder is supplied from any quarter of the country where either solids or delicacies can be obtained. Beef, the choicest to be had, comes from Kansas City or Chicago. Oysters and fish, according to season, from the South or the Coast, vegetables and fruit from Utah or California, and game, both large and small, from our own Territory, or from any point obtainable. Green turtle is shipped from Florida and crabs and lobsters from the East. No need to recite the bill of fare, there is nothing in season that cannot be had. The proprietor, Jos. Fischer is a former Philadelphian, but conducted a first-class house in Denver before coming to Butte. He is an experienced caterer and gives his personal attention to the details of his business. In the matter of what may be called small things this is made apparent. Butter, bread, coffee, condiments, etc., each receive the same care as does the quality of the meats, game, vegetables and cooking. For this reason Fischer has made a success and his chop house has become decidedly popular.

BLACK ROCK MINE, BUTTE, M. T.

The Black Rock mine is located about one mile east of the Alice and is on the same vein, the famous Rainbow. It is owned by William Woodward, H. S. and W. A. and J. K. Clark. This is one of the big mines of the camp. Its veins average from 20 to 40 feet in width and they are filled with pay ore running from 20 to 50 ounces in silver and a trace of gold. One of the most remarkable features of the mine is that the rock is mostly black oxide of manganese, which no smelting man will object to. The shaft has up to date been sunk to the 150 feet level and the same black oxide of manganese is being taken out. This level is 100 feet below the water level of the mine, and as a rule, all manganese formations in this district turn from an oxide to a carbonate at the water level. The Black Rock has been worked on a small scale for about three years, and considering the amount of money and labor expended, it has produced an exceptionally large return.

GOLD FLINT MINE, BUTTE, M. T.

The Gold Flint mine, which is owned by John A. Leggat and W. A. Clark, is located two miles west of the Moulton, and has been worked for several years by lessees. The pay vein is a small one, running from 2 to 4 feet in width but it has always produced a good quality of ore that has returned from 50 to 100 ounces in silver and a few dollars in gold. It has been sunk to a depth of 250 feet and the levels run from that station, but up to this writing there has been no use for a pump. As it is at least 400 feet lower on the surface than either the Alice or the Moulton, this absence of water would seem to indicate that it has a different formation and occupies a different strata.