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### THE BARKER MINES.

Their General Characteristics and Formation—Possibilities of Their Future—What Has Been Done.

The Indications of a Coming Boom for the Belt District Changing Into Certainty.

There is hardly a parallel instance in the history of Montana mining excitements where a casual prospect has grown so rapidly into development as in the Barker district; and Montana has never before shown such magnificent prospects as the past few months have developed in these mines, nor a case where systematic prospecting has revealed so many indications of richness, continuity and volume. Indeed, there are but few instances in the records of mining where all the indications were as favorable for the possible development of splendid properties as the discoveries in the Barker district present.

The formation, in a country rock of the earlier geological eras, granite and porphyry, indicates veins which past experience has demonstrated are richest and most permanent—free from the uncertainty which mineral deposits in later formations usually present.

There are a class of mines which for a time prove of more than ordinary richness, and are occasionally found in enormous body, (the latter sort, however, are usually of low grade). But they are generally fugitive in character, and after being worked for a greater or less time, either gradually impoverish, or the ore suddenly disappears. Such mines are usually only the debris formed by convulsions which cause a conglomeration of earlier formations.

No good mineral belt is without these "blow-outs," as they are often erroneously termed, and their existence is fair evidence that there are in the vicinity parent leads which by attrition or convulsion have become in part disintegrated. Of course there are exceptions, and cases where these deposits give no indication of true vein matter, owing to the total destruction of the original formation by causes not yet understood, and the collection of mineral matter into the depressions generally known as pockets; but they are only exceptions. As a rule, veins with well-defined granite walls, with not too great an inclination from the perpendicular, will hold out as deep as it is practicable to work them.

There are a class of ores which are sometimes found in veins, but generally exist in

pockets and large bodies which, from the nature of their combinations and the peculiarities of their surroundings, must have been precipitated from an aqueous solution. They are generally very rich, but as a rule do not possess the virtue of stability. The carbonates of the Leadville district are probably of this formation, although they exist there in enormous body.

The mines in the Barker district, so far as development has indicated their nature, possess, in an eminent degree, the peculiarities of true fissure parent leads, and only in a few cases do there appear evidences of deposit veins or ore bodies. And when this is considered in connection with the unusual width, regularity and richness of the ore veins, there is every possibility for a glorious future for this camp.

The geological formation of the district is in some respects peculiar. A strata of silica lies under the granite and extends nearly to the Oxide & Boss, when the formation is purely granite to the Donnelly & Emma, where it is intermixed with porphyry, especially near the walls of the veins, which is a most favorable indication. The Wright & Edwards, Barker & Grey Eagle, and the Equator & Saco form, from the indications thus far developed, what appears to be the central or parent group, flanked by veins which have spurred out in several places in the direction of the general formation, from the beginning of the granite of the lower to the gneiss of the upper; and the direction, dip, and general characteristics of the ore veins indicate that the whole are an offspring of the same set of conditions which formed the central lode; and should further development strengthen this hypothesis, there will no longer exist reasonable doubt of the absolute durability of the veins and the stability of the new camp.

Above the gneiss, and between it and the slate, is found some very rich deposits of carbonates, showing much the same characteristics as the Leadville product. But there is so little development here that the nature of the deposit can only be conjectured, and it would be unsafe to hazard an opinion on their future possibilities.

The main belt of leads previously referred to cross Galena Creek nearly at right angles, in a general east and west direction, and the earlier discoveries have in the main been made along its bed, where the veins were exposed by the action of water in cutting a cross section of the strata. The leads are of unknown length and from three to ten feet wide, and probably continue to the limits of the formation, with a slight dip toward the northwest. The characteristic of the ores is argentiferous galena, with, in a few cases, a trace of copper. Their value will average throughout about 76 per cent. of lead, and 40 to 150 ounces of silver, with some cases of exceptionally high percentages of silver.

This district is especially favored in having close at hand inexhaustible quantities of the various bases and minerals necessary in the reduction of the ores, besides wood for the manufacture of charcoal.

Two towns have sprung up with the magic swiftness only displayed in mining districts. Hughes City, situated below the Wright & Edwards, at present contains thirty buildings, with many more in progress; and Galena City, on Galena creek, has forty buildings, and others are being built as fast as possible. Lots in both places are selling from \$25 to \$125, according to location, and there is a buoyant feeling on all sides which we think is fully justified by the magnificent prospects of the future of the mines. The enterprising owners of the Wright & Edwards, with some assistance from others interested, have constructed an excellent road from the prairie to their mines, passing through both camps, and costing over \$5,000.

The lodes upon which the work of development is being rapidly pushed, are the Barker & Grey Eagle, Wright & Edwards, Equator & Saco, Conway & Lynch, Vanderburg, Oxide & Boss, Emma & Donnelly and Benton.

**BARKER AND GREY EAGLE**  
is opened on the Grey Eagle side by a tunnel now in over fifty feet, running along the vein, showing a continuous ore body from two to five feet wide. It was discovered from the bottom of Eagle creek, and the tunnel is run from the discovery. A shaft on the Barker side is down fifteen feet and is following on the lead. The vein is five feet wide so far as run, and the ore is increasing in richness with every foot. A new tunnel will be opened on the Barker fifty feet below the shaft, and it is expected to tap the lead in about fifty feet at a point about the same distance from the shaft. Eight men are now working on this lead and the force will not probably be increased until spring, when it is expected to push the work to the utmost of their ability. The

**WRIGHT AND EDWARDS**  
is in a westerly direction from the Grey Eagle and about a mile from the Barker. Development consists of adits, from fifteen to eighteen feet deep and about 150 feet apart, showing veins from two to eight feet wide, the surface ore being galena and carbonates,

which concentrate into true vein matter in five or six feet. The owners of this property are working a force of ten men, and their prospects are among the solid indications of the district. They have shipped 25 tons of their ore by the steamer Rosebud to the East for a test of value. They are just opening a tunnel which is expected to strike the ledge 140 feet down, and contemplate another in the spring to tap the vein 500 feet down, which latter, if successful, will definitely settle the nature of the entire formation. The

**SACO AND EQUATOR**  
lies directly between the Grey Eagle and Wright & Edwards. It is a well-defined vein, with the same indications as the latter. The shaft is down 35 feet, showing with every foot of advance increasing richness and body. The

**CONWAY AND LYNCH**  
has developed some of the finest ore in the district, and the shaft is down about fifteen feet. A shipment of their ores has been made in order to test them on a practicable working scale. The ore is argentiferous galena. The

**EMMA AND DONNELLY**  
is situated about 1,200 feet north of the Barker & Grey Eagle. The shaft is down about 15 feet, showing a large body of quartz and galena, with favorable indications for future durability. The

**OXIDE AND BOSS**  
is a new discovery, and shows a four-foot vein of solid galena in the Boss, and an immense body of decomposed copper-stained ore in the Oxide.

**THE BENTON**  
is situated on Gold Run Creek, about a mile and a half from Galena creek, in a south-east direction from the Barker lode. A tunnel is in fifty feet, tapping the vein, and showing a splendid body of ore, with wire silver scattered throughout its mass.

There are some other discoveries on Galena Creek which give favorable prospects, but there has not yet been sufficient development to define just what are their extent or value.

One hundred men are now engaged in the work of prospecting and development in this district, and the spring will witness a degree of activity which few new camps have displayed.

(Reported Specialy to the River Press.)

## TELEGRAPHIC

### Apparent Republican Gains in New York City.

### Weaver Claims Foul Play in the Publication of His Letters.

### FRAUD! FRAUD! FRAUD!

### Speculations on New York.

NEW YORK, October 25.—The Times says: The registration in New York city this year is 216,929, against 167,857 last year. Analysis of the table shows that the rate of increase has been much greater in the Republican than in the Democratic districts. In the 7th, 11th and 13th Assembly districts all are Republican.

NEW YORK, October 26.—The completed registration in this city shows an apparent net Republican gain of five and one-third per cent. compared with that a year ago. Experts carefully estimate the aggregate vote will be 200,000, unless Democratic indifference increases. This, on a basis of the percentage obtained by Tilden four years ago, and allowing for the net Republican gain as above, would give Hancock less than 50,000 majority as against 80,000 to 100,000 majority for Garfield confidently expected elsewhere in the State. A moderate estimate of the defection among the Democratic business men and manufacturers reduces the probable city majority to 45,000. The Express says: The Democrats claim only 41,000 in 541,000 in Kings county. Registration indicates a ten per cent. net Republican gain, which would leave about 10,000 majority for Hancock. Adding Queens, Suffolk and Richmond counties, 63,000 Democratic majority below the Harlem river is the utmost that judicious Democrats claim as probable or possible. The Republicans came down to the Harlem river last year with a larger majority than that. In the foregoing calculations no allowance is made for the undoubted falling off in the Democratic vote this year by indifference, desertion to the Republican ranks and the return of business Republicans who voted for Tilden four years ago. Two hundred and fifty thousand gain from these causes is a very moderate estimate.

### Pacific Coast States.

CHICAGO, October 25.—The Hon. Richard Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, left this city to-day to meet campaign appointments in Indiana. He says of the political situation in the States of the Pacific, which he has lately visited: "I have had an opportunity for observing the sentiment in California and Oregon, and from my own observations there have no doubt of the result. I

have not had the same opportunity for observation in Nevada, but believe that the State will go as the others on the Pacific coast."

"What effect do you suppose the so-called 'Morey letter' will have in the Pacific States?"  
"I don't believe it will have any. The letter is a forgery, and when that fact becomes known the effect will be rather favorable. In California the Chinese question is unquestionably a very serious one. It is the greatest problem they have to deal with there, and we do not fully appreciate it here. It is everything to them there, but this letter carries forgery upon its face. It would be of no consequence if genuine except to the Pacific States, but it will be of none there."

### More Fraudulent Letters.

DES MOINES, October 25.—The fraudulent and forged letter business has broken out in a new spot and on a new person. This time the Presidential candidate, Weaver, and his fast political friend Gillette of Iowa, come forward and declare that the letter from Weaver to Gillette, published in the New York Star, was neither written nor sent, that its allegations are absurdities and that the letter itself is a forgery. The letter declares that Weaver is against Fusion everywhere, because it would be injurious to the Republican party in whose interest he is laboring. Weaver makes his denial before a notary, and in the strongest terms.

### The Morey Letter.

NEW YORK, October 26.—The Democratic Committee sent to California on Friday last electrotypes of the forged Garfield-Morey letter, with a view of flooding the States with copies. The Republican Committee to-day sent out many thousand facsimile copies of Garfield's autograph letter exposing the forgery. No one can compare the respective handwritings without being convinced that they are the work of different hands.

### Registration Frauds.

CHICAGO, October 25.—Astounding registration frauds have been discovered here to-day. Investigations set on foot by the Republicans as a test of the fair dealing of the Democrats, reveal the startling fact that in one precinct alone 44 fraudulent names have been registered, names of supposed persons and names of men who don't live in the places given in the poll book. Places are also given where there are but vacant lots. Registration papers at the rate of 50 per day are being ground out by the Democratic Committee. Some men registered there have barely touched American soil. If the proportion of fraudulent registration should hold out in the remaining precincts, there would be over 5,000 Democratic votes gained. The Republicans will now make a thorough examination of the list and precincts.

### Frauds Charged.

CINCINNATI, October 26.—The Democratic Committee of this city, having recently issued an address charging extensive frauds in this city in the October election, a number of signers of the address were called before the Grand Jury to-day to give evidence. Not having the facts fully ready, the examination was postponed.

### The Warren Court of Inquiry.

NEW YORK, October 23.—Gen Grant appeared before the Warren court of inquiry to-day as a witness, but his recollection of most of the events was not clear as to the details of Five Forks. He was asked as to his order authorizing Gen. Sheridan to relieve Gen. Warren, but Stickney, Warren's attorney, opposed the personal opinion of the first soldier of the country being used against his client. Gen. Grant made a statement of his motive in calling in the 5th army corps, to hide Gen. Warren's defects. There was a tilt between the counsel, and dispatches were produced. Gen. Grant could not say whether Gen. Warren suggested an attack on the enemy's rear. He found that when officers undertook to think for themselves instead of obeying orders it generally led to defeat. He did not like it, and it had led to the removal of one of the officers (referring to Warren). Stickney insisted on this being stricken out. This part of the testimony was stricken out, together with some other answers derogatory to Gen. Warren.

### NOTES OF NEWS.

#### Domestic.

The insurance underwriters convention on the 21st inst. adopted a resolution declaring that the insurance companies and policy holders' interest were identical, and all legislation hostile to the former is equally hostile to the latter. They deprecated all such legislation as ill-advised and uncalled for.

Five new Steamers, having a capacity of 300 tons each, have been put on the Pacific coast by the directors of the Seattle and Walla Walla road, and will be used in the transport of coal from Puget Sound to San Francisco.

The amount paid for conveying the U. S. mails by sea during the fiscal year ending June 30th last was \$166,684.

The Alpena, a steamer running on Lake Michigan, was totally wrecked on the 20th inst., and all on board lost including a number of passengers. The cause was a thoroughly rotten vessel, which should have been destroyed long ago.

A fire in Mont Vernon destroyed property to the amount of \$150,000 of which \$75,000 is insured.

The British steamer, Hilton Castle, struck on a reef about eight miles out of Victoria, and it is not probable she will be saved.

On the night of Oct. 20th, at San Francisco occurred a murder under circumstances most remarkable. Deceased had been living with her brother-in-law, and the latter had subjected her to his desires, his wife being cognizant of the fact but concealing the affair to avoid scandal. Latterly a man by the name of George W. Peckham, who became acquainted with the family some time ago at Cisco, Placer county, sought to marry Della. This created jealousy on the part of Wheeler who, while Della was sitting on his lap, choked her to death.

The Grand Lodge of Masons, in session at St. Louis was startled by the report of the committee appointed to examine the books of A. G. Hodges, Grand Treasurer, showing that Hodges is a defaulter to the amount of \$7,000. The accused is 64 years of age and is one of the best known Masons in the State and has held office many years.

Miss Pinneo won the twenty-mile race at the Jockey Club Park last Thursday, after an exciting and well contested trial, beating Miss Jewett by a nose. Time 58 min., 12 sec., which was a good record considering the conditions. Fanny Louise Buckingham has challenged both ladies to ride a race against her and they have accepted, for \$1,000 each side.

The mile heat race for all ages was won in Baltimore Oct. 20th, by Edwin A. taking the 2nd and 3d heats. Rosedale won the 1st heat. Boardman was 3rd in the first heat and distanced in the second. Time, 1:43, 1:46, 1:53. The handicap steeple chase, about 2 miles, was won by Bertha, Lizzie D. 2d, Disturbance 3d. Time 5:39.

The values of exports of domestic provisions and tallow during the nine months ending September 30, are \$103,722,539.

Five women were burned to death at Cincinnati on the 10th inst. in the burning of a shoddy factory.

The official figures give the total vote on Governor Porter at 230,261; Landers, 223,740; Gregg, 14,883. Porter's plurality, 7,521.

The Chicago Times is after Barnum for gross mismanagement of the Democratic campaign.

Dispatches dated on the 23d inst., from various parts of the province of Ontario, report very rough weather with snow, doing great damage to fruit and other trees.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—Upon the receipt to-day from the War Department of a copy of Major Fletcher's dispatch of the 20th, relatives to Berry's arrest, the acting Secretary of the Interior, Bell, telegraphed the Governor of Colorado as follows: This department is to-day advised through the war department that Berry had been arrested by the U. S. Marshal and had left the Agency in charge of that officer. If the State posse has been ordered to go to the agency to make the arrest, please recall the same and thus avoid any possibility of a conflict with the Indians.

DENVER, October 23.—The Republican's Gunnison City special says: A courier from Cebolla, fifteen miles below here, reports a large number of Indians in that section running off horses. It is also reported that 53 horses belonging to Mr. Hartman, the Gunnison postmaster, has been run off. A private letter from postmaster Hotchkiss of Powderhorn states that an Indian outbreak is inevitable. The authorities have asked Governor Pitkin to send 150 stand of arms and 10,000 rounds of ammunition at once. Reliable reports are to the effect that Berry is in Denver, and Sheriff Yule sent a deputy after him.

#### Foreign.

The articles of convention which Siza Pasha has instructed Mr. Pask, Commissioner at Vjeka, to purpose in regard to the surrender of Dulcigno, are as follows: Montenegro to assume that portion of the Turkish debt corresponding to the ceded territory; the maintenance of the Turkish laws; for the property of the Ottoman government; the maintenance of the Turkish flag on board of trading vessels belonging to Dulcigno, and the maintenance of the statu quo as far as Lake Scutari.

There is a well founded rumor in St. Petersburg that, in consequence of court intrigues, Gen. Melikoff will retire to the Caucasus.

A great land meeting was held at Galway, Ireland, on the 24th. Fully 40,000 people were present. Parnell addressed the meeting. He condemned the dispatch of reinforcements of troops to Galway. He denounced Mr. Forster as a hypocrite, and declared that the only remedy was the autonomy of Ireland. He appealed to the people to be resolute and put an end to English misrule. O'Connor Power asserted that the tenants were suffering more than the slaves of South Carolina had.