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CLARK'S FORK.

Its Present Outlook and Future Destiny.

Cooke City, in appearance at least, is a typical mining camp, presenting in itself and its surroundings all the rugged picturesqueness that is associated with the description. It is situated in a narrow gulch threaded by a swift little mountain stream along which lies the one street of the town with barely enough room for the two parallels of buildings to occupy level ground. Thence sloping up on either side are walls of rock stored with mineral wealth that has called the camp into existence, and in every direction peak rises behind peak in an apparently endless maze of mountains. The houses that comprise the town are without exception the dirt-covered log shacks, that indicate lack of better building material instead of poverty in purse and mild architectural ambition rather than indifference to comfort. Except Major Eaton's, there is no sawmill in the district, and that has until now been employed entirely in cutting timber for the smelter building, but will now manufacture for sale. An abundance of native lumber is within sight of the town, and as soon as there are sawmills on the ground, good frame buildings will take the place of the less pretentious log cabins. When the more ambitious builders of the future city of Cooke turn their attention to the erection of brick structures, they will not have to go beyond the limits of their valley to find the raw material. Not only brick clay of the common grade is found abundantly, but a good article of fire clay, that has been tested and found of first-class quality for the manufacture of fire brick. From being small, the present buildings are numerous and stretch out to make a street as long as the Main street of Livingston, though the population of the camp will not number above 200, exclusive of prospectors scattered through the mountains. Cooke has not many of the conveniences of the modern town, even in the west. There is no hotel or regular eating or lodging house of any kind. But, as we know from experience, the visitor who goes unprovided with his own camping outfit, will in no wise suffer for want of food and shelter. The good people of Cooke City, if they do not give their attention to the luxuries, are plentifully supplied with the necessaries, and freely share them with the unprovided visitor. The title of private claimants to the townsite is, as we understand imperfect, and while possessory rights will doubtless be respected, ground not actually occupied by improvements cannot be held against the government. Arrangements are now being made to have the townsite surveyed under United States law, and lots sold by the county judge as provided by the statutes. This will make perfect title to the lots and prevent the town's prosperity being retarded by extravagant prices of property. Times are good in the camp. Just where the money comes from it would be hard to explain, but there is plenty of it in circulation. Everything for sale is held at way up prices, and yet no one appears to lack for "the needful" with which to buy. No branch of business is overdone, not even that of selling liquors. Every dealer in the camp reports a satisfactory business, and all done on a cash basis. Among the leading houses are Strasburger, Sperling & Co., who have a stock of general merchandise and keep the postoffice; S. B. Wiman who has another good general store, A. J. Malin, formerly clerk of Gallatin county, and though still a young man, a resident of this country for the past thirteen years; Julius Fox, who manages Henry Frank's clothing store, a credit to the parent establishment; Lane & Johnson, both of whom are well known in Livingston, who have lately opened a saloon in the camp and are getting their share of the trade; P. F. Hanley, lately of the Bank Exchange of Livingston, who has just arrived with a stock of liquors and has a chance to do a good trade; S. M. Fitzgerald & Co. are operating a livery stable, have a corner on the hay market, are burning 58,000 bushels of coal for the Republic smelter, and have other contracts and must be

netting large profits from their large business; and David Noble has another well stocked general store that seems to command a good trade. Every man who has been in the district any length of time has a number of mineral claims and sees in them a future fortune. Men who are perhaps puzzled at times to supply their immediate necessities are supremely happy in the thought that they are to be bonanza mine-owners and are millionaires in prospective. Many of them are quite right; there are plenty of mines in the camp at present unproductive that will sometime yield millions, and if their owners hold on they will reap the reward of their patient hopefulness. That nowhere among the different natures and dispositions within the camp is there the least despondency or expression of doubt, but invariably an open, unwavering enthusiasm in relation to the future of the district is as good an index as any other of the fact that Clark's Fork is really a region of infinite mineral wealth.

The Great Republic is the most extensively developed mine in the district. Through the courtesy of Frank Bennett, the superintendent, we were shown through the mine and the smelter. A tunnel about eight feet square has been driven in on the lode and still shows solid ore on each of the four walls. 300 tons of ore are corded up on the dumps ready for the smelter. Thus far the developments of the mine have shown nothing to indicate any limit to its production. It is indeed a mountain of ore and practically inexhaustible. The smelter is now ready for operation and at this writing is probably turning out bullion. The machinery is at present under the control of J. H. Anderson, agent of the founders, Fraser, Chalmers & Co., of Chicago. Mr. Anderson has been on the ground superintending its erection since July last and has received notification from his company that he may be required to remain there some months longer to attend to similar work for Major Armstrong, who is figuring with them for the purchase of a smelter, to be erected on his lately acquired property in the district. Mr. Anderson, though he owns no property in the district, has a very high opinion of Clark's Fork mines. He says that when he was ordered here he came directly from spending two years in work of the same nature in the mineral regions of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, and in all the country he visited during that time he saw nothing that presented such flattering prospects and such an appearance of solid mineral wealth as does the Clark's Fork districts. This opinion may be differently considered by our readers, but as spoken to the writer it was an earnest expression of belief, and we are confident that Mr. Anderson's practical mind was fully impressed with the truth of what he said. Though from his wide experience his ideas may be entitled to more weight than that of others, he is not the only disinterested man who has a like opinion, and it is a noteworthy fact that no visitor to the camp fails to come away a firm believer in the future of Cooke City as the greatest mining camp of later years. "A second Leadville," "Bigger than Leadville," are frequent phrases employed to convey predictions regarding its destiny. The mineral district commonly spoken of under the general name of Clark's Fork is of vast extent. It has been prospected over a length of nearly fifteen miles, with a varying breadth of from one to three miles, with good claims located all the way; and the boundaries of the district are being extended and rich discoveries constantly being made on ground before unprospected. That the extent of mineral bearing country is without parallel in the history of the west is admitted, and that the ore uncovered is rich enough to pay large profits for the working has already been proven. What then stands in the way of the Clark's Fork taking the highest place among the present mineral producing regions of the world? For the negative answer we would invite even the most skeptical mining expert to visit

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