GOLD AT SOUTH PASS

Rich Discovery on Ground Owned by George W. Keel.

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Lander, Wyo., March 6.—Bob Marrin, lessee of the Carisa mine, at South Pass City, south of here, which is owned by George W. Keel of Salt Lake, has struck it rich. Last week, in drifting on the vein he opened up an ore chute, or chimney, as it is called, of almost unparalleled richness. The chimney is between nine and ten feet wide, but just how far it will continue at this width is not yet made manifest. With no better light than a "tallow dip," the blotches of the yellow metal can be plainly seen all over the face of the cut for the full width of the vein.

In assaying such rock with a small sample no average can be determined, as one or more pieces of free gold are certain to be in even a minute sample, which gives figures so exorbitant as to preclude belief, consequently your correspondent will not give them, but a large sample taken from the latest part of the dump quartered down, gives a fire assay determination of $283.72.

Great excitement prevails here and those holding claims are making preparations for the campaign against the golden deposits.

ARIZONA COPPER PRODUCERS.

What is Being Done at the Famous United Verde.

A friend of The Herald's, residing in the southwestern portion of the state, who is interested in copper mining over the line in Arizona, sends in the following clipping regarding some of the rich copper producers of that state:

I have just visited two of the greatest and richest copper mines of the world at Jerome and Bigbee, says Frank Jones in the Los Angeles Herald. To get to one, that of Jerome—I had to ride over the crookedest little narrow guage railroad imaginable, a 26-mile road rejoicing in the high-sounding title of the United Verde and Pacific, and so full of sharp curves as it winds around and among the northern slopes of the Black hills from the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railroad that at times a man standing on the rear platform of the passenger coach attached to the end of a long string of freight cars can almost light his cigar by the fire of the engine. How the train ever manages to get around these curves is a mystery to everybody save Superintendent John Burns and Conductor Russell, yet every day sees more precious freight go over this little mountain railroad than perhaps any other steam line of its kind in the whole world. It is said of the United Verde mine that its ore is of such richness that no person, unless in the actual employ of the company, is ever permitted by multi-millionaire W. A. Clark or his trusted general manager, Mr. Giroux, to ever descend into the depths to get a sight of it, and that in the past year as much as $1,800,000 of gold was taken from this famous copper mine, to say nothing of the immense quantity of silver. The very lowest estimate of the copper output is 2,000,000 pounds monthly, and it is believed that the actual amount is twice that figure. Messrs. Clark and Giroux are not saying a word—they are just keeping their 1,000 men at work in day and night shifts in the mine and smelter, getting out the good, hard stuff. The town is spread all over the side of a mountain, and the buildings have the appearance of climbing up on stilts and still climbing, as though an altitude of 5,400 feet above the sea level was not enough.

In the particular of hotels, Jerome is away ahead of Bisbee, but mud is an unknown article in Bisbee. It is a good thing, too, that there is no mud here, because lodgings command a premium. This is my second night without a bed, but then, you know, the 10th was payday, which always brings an influx of visitors deeply interested in the money the miners get for their sweat during the month. Consequently every bed and available blanket is pre-empted.

Jerome offers good prospects, as the United Verde is making some extensive improvements. Mr. Frank Wilson of Butte, Mont., is putting in several new converters there, and when he finishes his task the United Verde will have six big converters in full blast. An 80-foot extension is being added to the smelter and the wooden buildings are being replaced by iron ones.

The Equator, situated near Jerome, is said to be nearly as rich as the United Verde, and the management has announced the intention of starting a big force of men to work soon.

In the gold line I took in Congress and Fool's Gulch on my tour of Yavapai county. Congres is a steady camp and Fool's Gulch has promise, at last, of being likewise. While I was in the vicinity of these camps Chicago capitalists were negotiating for the purchase of the Bullard mine, not far away. This is considered a good mine. The sale of the Stratton mine to some live eastern people was also on tapis. If these sales go through all right they will do much towards making Congress junction a good supply point.

THE SEVEN DEVILS COUNTRY.

Talk of Railroad Building Into That Region.

It is almost an assured fact that a railroad will be built this summer into the Seven Devils country, Ida., and, in speaking of the enterprise, the Weiser Signal speaks of the mineralization of that region as follows:

The objective point of the railway, doubtless, is the great copper district in the southern portion of the Seven Devils range. It has been accessible for years by a fair wagon road most of the way, leading up from the town of Weiser along Man's creek, then to Middle valley and Council valley, on the Weiser river. Thence up Hornet creek across to Indian creek to the northwestward to the foot of the mountains. The valleys contain as productive farms and orchards as can be found anywhere in the country.

Monument mountain, on which the copper deposits or veins are situated, has an altitude of probably 8,000 feet, and is about five miles in length from north to south, and three miles in width. The territory over which the copper manifests itself is equal to about five or six square miles, and is about four miles distant from Snake river.

The crown and the northern and eastern sides of the mountains are composed of a gray eruptive granite, considerably decomposed in places. Here and there are found remnants of a limestone stratum. The base, or rather about three-fourths of the west and south slopes of the mountain are covered with porphyry, and the foothills sloping away to the Snake river are composed of the same material. Between the porphyry and granite is an intercalated stratum of vitrous limestone of variable thickness, and at places it disappears entirely. It is next to this limestone, or replacing it entirely, that the Seven Devils copper vein is located. On the northern end, at the Peacock mine, the vein crops at an altitude of 6,700 feet. From this point it takes a course a trifle west of south, then south, and then southeast, swinging in a semi-circle around the mountain, and showing itself over a course of about five miles in length, and losing in altitude about 1,200 feet. In one place (the Peacock mine), the ore body, as exposed, occupies a nearly horizontal position, while a mile south the vein was found standing vertical, and between lime and granite. Still further along on the vein southward, probably a mile distant, a tunnel driven in a northeasterly direction disclosed lime, porphyry, lime, ore and lime again.

Associated with the ore are vast bodies of garnets, doubtless resulting from an alteration of the accompanying limestone; also iron, quartz, calcspar, amphibole and chrysolite.

OREGON PLACER MINING.

Salt Lakers Owners of Extensive and Valuable Diggings.

A deed has been filed at the court house in Pendleton, says the Democrat of Baker City, Ore., which conveys valuable placer mining properties located in the John Day country. The transfer indicates that the statements concerning activity during the coming season were based on fact. Such activity will be seen throughout all the country south of this city. The transfer in question was made for a consideration of $50,000, from Eli E. Chamberlain and J. M. Ashton to the Western Mining company, and conveys mining properties on the north fork of the John Day, in French bar, Dunn bar, Texas bar, Crescent bar, together with the water rights which go with them. The company having bought those extensive properties and water rights, preparations are being made to enter upon active operations as soon as spring opens up. Several carloads of machinery have been sent out to these mines during the winter, and several more will be sent in a short time.

In the same district a Salt Lake company of Mormons has been buying up every claim that can be bought. The Salt Lake concern controls between ten and twenty miles of mining and water rights along the north fork. Last season the company operated their mines and employed a large force of men in constructing ditches and fluming, so that this year the operations will be upon a much larger scale.

Ditches built as far back as 1862 have been opened, and old claims are being once more profitably worked. Many of these are being worked with the various patterns of gold saving machines, with good results.

A miner just from Texas bar tells how they have been substituting "artificial weather" for the long looked for warm spell which never came. The placer miners had been operating, and before cleaning up, severe cold weather came on the camp, and further work was stopped. The miners ran short of money and needed it rather badly for current expenses and supplies. Two of them conceived the idea of "manufacturing a chinook," after they had waited long for a warm wind to melt the snow and ice. They arranged so that a large amount of water could be heated. Boiling hot, it was poured into the sluice boxes, and, with the extremely cold weather still prevailing, the clean-up was accomplished. So soon as they had washed out enough gold dust to purchase the necessary supplies and tools for the winter work, the artificial method was abandoned and the making of chinooks was turned over to nature and the weather department.

Messrs. H. B. Miller and Isom Law, of Prairie City, who have been making a very careful examination of the mines of Dixie district and who have thoroughly tested the working character of the ores, have perfected arrangements, and have decided to erect a 5-ton smelter at Comer, on a branch of Dixie creek. The promoters of this enterprise are the owners of the Little Denver, Colorado, Good Hope and Money Rock mines, all properties that are making a good showing. The ores of the camp are generally free milling to water level, at which point they become base in character.

TRAIL CREEK MINES.

Fine Body of Ore Found in the Evening Star.

On the first of the year the mining management of the Evening Star underwent a decided change, and work in the long cross-cut tunnel, from which so much was expected, was stopped and a shaft was started on a chute of known high grade ore at the top of Monte Cristo mountain, right on the apex of the vein, says a Rossland (British Columbia) dispatch to the Spokesman-Review. This shaft has now reached a depth of 30 feet, and a chute of ore varying in width from 12 inches on the surface to three and one-half feet at the bottom has been followed for the entire distance. Wednesday at this depth a drift to the west, in the direction of the old Bailey shaft, was started and this afternoon, though only penetrated for a distance of three feet, the face of the drift shows a body of ore fully four feet wide. The ore is an uncommon one in the camp, being an arseno-sulphide of iron in a very vitreous calcareous gangue. About 20 tons of this ore is already on the dump, and in the event of the ore chute just discovered retaining its present dimensions, at least ten tons of ore can be hoisted daily. For the present work has been discontinued in the shaft, but will be resumed as soon as the miners in the drift have gotten far enough ahead so that the workmen will not interfere with one another. A force of men went to work Thursday clearing the wagon road so that immediate shipments can be started, as arrangements for the entire output of the mine have been entered into with the Heinze smelter at Trail. H. B. Nichols of Spokane, the general manager of the Evening Star Mining company, informed the writer that the mine was in a position to ship 100 tons of ore per month that will net $20 to $25 per ton from the present openings. The first carload will leave for the smelter on Saturday.

Another mine, splendidly equipped with a 30-drill power plant, and which is making steady shipments of pay ore, is the Kootenay and Columbia. For the present but one stope is being carried along and the output is averaging 15 or 20 tons of high grade ore. This ore also goes to the Trail smelter. In addition to operating all the necessary drills in the Kootenay and Columbia mines, the air compressor of the Kootenay company furnishes the power for the drills, a hoist and pumps of the Iron Horse, a distance of 6,000 feet away. The drills at the Iron Horse are often worked under a pressure of 100 pounds.

In the south belt development work goes steadily on and many properties are already showing remarkable and encouraging results. In the Sunset No. 2 the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate have undoubtedly a gem. The shaft has been sunk to a depth of 50 feet in almost a solid four-foot streak of high grade shipping ore. At this depth a drift was run to the west for a distance of 70 feet and showed up a body of ore of the same class of ore, on the average being 36 inches wide. In one place in this drift the vein was faulted, being cut by one of the usual east and west dykes; however, the dislocation was but slight, and the ore body was easily found upon running a cross-cut for a distance of a few feet to the north. The Sunset has all the earmarks of a great producer.

The ore body recently struck in the White Bear continues to improve in width and grade, and is now fully 15 feet wide, the last four feet of which, says John Y. Cole, one of the principal stockholders, is of good shipping value at the present rates of transportation and treatment. The White Bear is being continuously and rapidly developed. To the west lies the St. Paul, the owners of which are working two shifts in the tunnel with the view of reaching the White Bear ledge.

PIONEER SKETCHES.

Luck that Attended Prospecting in Early Days.

Late in the fall of 1861 Tom Wade and Charley Gordon, two California miners of experience, arrived in Florence, says the Teller, of Lewiston, Ida. They were well supplied with provisions and decided to stay in the camp through the winter. In Lost gulch three men were working a claim with flattering success, and they held the land above on the little water course. Mr. Wade prospected the unworked claim and proposed a trade for it. Finally a bargain was closed and the claim transferred, for one sack of flour. The partners prepared a rocker and begun operations in a very few days. The winter came on but they worked away under the snow and down in the ground where the water flowed from a spring and did not freeze. They found a very rich pay streak and worked diligently regardless of unfavorable conditions. In the winter, however, the weather was extremely cold and the water froze into ice all over the rocker, even loading it down till it could not be moved. There was the pay streak with glittering nuggets. Even with the ice clinging to the rocker, the dipper and to the clothing of the workman he could clean up $200 a day. The thought of idleness with such opportunities at hand was unbearable. It was decided that warm water could be utilized. To meet this suggestion the camp was scoured for a kettle or other vessel that could be used to heat the water. The largest vessel was a three-gallon camp kettle. The price was $50. The yellow dust was weighed out and the leaky kettle was conveyed to Lost gulch. A rude rock furnace was arranged and the hot water process was inaugurated. One man fired and poured hot water upon the rocker while the other washed the rich dirt. This process was followed until spring, when sluices were put in position. After that five men were employed. Gold was then cleaned up as fast as one man could make buckskin purses in which to store it away.

The men left the camp in the fall of 1862 with a big fortune in dust. Tom Wade went to Iowa where he became a prominent and wealthy business man. Charley Gordon lost his mind, perhaps from excessive drink, and died in the insane asylum.

STATE LINE RICHES.

High Grade Ore Showing In All the Mines.

The State Line correspondent of the Salina Press writes as follows:

Perhaps a few lines from this new Eldorado of Utah may interest some of your many readers. I arrived here a few days ago, and found about three feet of snow and the wind blowing at the rate of 40 miles an hour. It was not a very promising sight for a tender-foot I assure you. I found the people of this little burg to be very kind, and a large-hearted class of men.

The day I arrived, there was a funeral, one Mr. Gasey Thompson having died, the first in the camp to start a grave yard. There are some very promising mines here. The Burro is a two foot ledge of rich ore; the owners made a small shipment of ore that netted $158 per ton after all expenses were paid. The Ophir mine is a ledge, the width is not known. There is ore the full width of the shaft; they shipped ore that brought them from $100 to $500 per ton. The Utah Spur is a mine 100 feet wide; they made a shipment of three tons of ore that netted them $110 per ton. The Creole is another very promising mine. The Jumbo is another very promising mine and there are dozens of others that are equal in value. I have seen gold in every rock I have looked at in the camp. Without doubt this is the largest and richest portion in the state. There is plenty of wood and water here, gold and silver and everything to make a great camp. There are about 75 men in camp and nine married ladies and one beautiful lady of about 20 summers; she has 66 standing offers of marriage, but she winks and smiles at all of them. If you know of any ladies between the ages of 16 and 60 who want to cast their boat on the matrimonial sea please express them to State Line at once, marked C. O. D. We are not particular as to color or weight, as a few pounds would make no difference either way.

SILVER CITY NOTES.

Interesting Items from the Columns of the Star.

A force of five men has been put to work on the Annie Laurie claim near Ruby Hollow. This property has already shipped some very good ore and will doubtless produce much more.

The South Swansea made another shipment this week, a 12-carload lot being marketed last Tuesday. The shipment is said to have netted a handsome margin and we look for another dividend from the property in a short time.

A night shift was put on the Rabbit Foot last Wednesday night which increases the working force to six men. The 120-foot shaft is now being retimbered and as soon as this work is completed sinking will be continued with renewed vigor.

George W. Coleman of Bingham, who is well known in Tintic, came down this week and has taken charge of the Rabbit Foot property as superintendent. The report which has been circulated to the effect that "Tug" Wilson has taken charge of the property is an error.

Shipments from Silver City for this week are as follows:

From the Swansea 13 carloads, from the South Sawansea 22 carloads, from the North Star one carload.

The North Star is loading four cars which will be shipped the fore part of the week.

The shaft on the Silver Cloud has reached a depth of 175 feet and as soon as the 200 level is reached a station will be cut and drifting commenced. Small streaks of ore are constantly being encountered in the shaft and it is confidently expected that a body of shipping ore will be found on the drift from the 200 level. The Silver Cloud is in a good locality and will doubtless make a valuable property.

John T. Sullivan of Eureka was over Monday and took an option for a bond for $10,000 on the Molly Bawn, Frankie and Frankie No. 2 claims which are near here. These claims are the property of Mike McGlynn, James Osborne, Thomas Short, John Leyshon, Mark Howard and George Nold and are considered very fine property. The option taken by Mr. Sullivan was for some parties whose names we are not now at liberty to state.

The Treasure Leasing company which consists of F. B. Cook, Sharp Walker, W. T. Ercanbrack, W. H. Dodge and C. F. Seyler, have taken a bond and lease on the Cornucopia and Treasure claims which are situated southeast of here. We are advised that Mr. Seyler, the manager, commenced work early this week sinking on the Cornucopia from which shaft both claims will be systematically prospected and developed. Both these claims have been among the old producers of this district and the success of the new leasing company in making a big thing is practically assured. At present we are unable to learn the amount of the bond on the properties.

The famous Dragon Iron mine which has been shut down for some time past resumed work Thursday morning with the usual force of men. This property is one of the bonanzas of Tintic and contains an inexhaustable body of high grade iron, some running as high as 70 and 80 per cent iron. The mine is in such shape that hundreds of tons of ore can be taken out daily at a nominal cost. This property has been a steady shipper since 1882, having produced on an average of 1,000 tons of ore every month since that time. It is not a rare occurrence to find pockets of high grade silver ore in this body of iron, and from some of these pockets large quantities of ore have been taken. The iron mine appears to be the center from which all the veins of mineral in that section radiate and it is believed by many that beneath this immense body of iron will be found large bodies of high grade silver and gold ore which will make this property the greatest bonanza on earth.

PARK RECORD JOTTINGS.

The Steele Group—Good Showing in the Rosebud.

On the 27th of last month Joseph H. Steele and his wife, Julia H. Steele, conveyed a two-thirds interest in the Steele group, which comprises six full mining claims to Ogden and eastern capitalists.

This ground is located just north of town, immediately to the east of the Peck concentrator, and considerable development work has been done upon it the past eleven years by its owner, Mr. Steele. It has long been contended by old timers who claim to have an acute knowledge of the geological formation of this district, that the Silver King vein extends into and through the Steele group, and the fact that Mr. Thomas Kearns, one of the heaviest owners in the Silver King, acquired an interest in ground adjoining the group some time last fall, appears to have added strength to the contention. Be that as it may, the transfer will result in the thorough development of the ground, and if the Silver King or any other valuable vein lies beneath its surface, the fact will probably be made known before the new owners get through with the work they have in contemplation.

The Rosebud is the name of a prospect in Blue Ledge mining district that is apt to come to the front very soon with a showing bordering on the sensational. The property lies 1,500 feet north of the upper workings of the Valeo, and is owned by Messrs. Jorgensen, Swan and others. A single shift has been engaged all winter in driving a tunnel, the face of which is now in 155 feet. The men are delving away in a belt of porhyry carrying a heavy percentage of pyrites of iron, and strong traces of gold, copper and silver. The work of driving the tunnel is proceeding quietly, and while the owners are greatly encouraged at the prospects of soon being the possessors of a rich mine, they are not saying anything, preferring rather to let actual developments in their ground do the talking. Blue Ledge district will unfold a number of surprises this season, or else all the signs will fail.

The Ontario mill shipped 27,000 fine ounces of silver this week.

The Marsac mill shipped eleven bars of silver bullion Thursday morning, containing 12,000 fine ounces.

The shipments from the Mackintosh sampler this week were: Silver King, 858,860; Anchor, 32,000; total, 920,860 pounds.

Good headway is being made in sinking the Daly West shaft to the 1,300 level. It has gone down a distance of 40 feet since work commenced on it a couple of weeks ago.

This week finds the condition of the Ontario drain tunnel as regards the flow of water practically unchanged. Superintendent Keetley has a force of men at work raising the track at the mouth of the tunnel a few inches for a distance of 700 feet.

Next Wednesday, the 10th inst., the Silver King will distribute monthly checks to its employees and on the same day the stockholders will pocket a 237,500 dividend. The payroll and dividend will aggregate an expenditure for the month of $72,500.

Adam Leichter returned yesterday from Silver City, Tintic, where he has been on a visit to the Picnic, in which he is interested. He reports the property as looking fine, and that a 12-foot low grade ledge has been cut at a depth of 275 feet.

The management of the Valeo discharged six of its old force Thursday and immediately replaced them with new men who are believed to be physically able to do a day's work. The big tunnel is now in 430 feet and rapid headway is being made in the porphyry which was encountered last week. It is expected that about 25 more days will be consumed in driving the tunnel through the porphyry, where the ore body ought to be encountered.

Drifting for the vein on the 400-level of the Crown Point is proceeding with accustomed vigor under the direction of Superintendent Hall. Three shifts are employed, and a point about 80 feet from the shaft has been reached. The Crown Point is good property, and pay ore ought soon to be reached. Mr. Hall has great faith in accomplishing that feat sooner or later.

Development work on the Hawkeye is going rather slow just at present, but one shift being employed, and they are running a cross-cut on the 200 level. As soon as spring opens and the road leading to the property is in passable condition, the working force will be increased, and the search for values in the Hawkeye storehouse prosecuted on an extensive scale. George Hall has a lease and bond on the property, and it is under his direction that development is being done.

The Constellation management expects to have news of an encouraging nature to impart to the stockholders before many days. The property was never in as good condition nor the prospects of it developing into a rich mine were never as encouraging as at present. Experienced mining men are keeping a keen eye on the Constellation, and it is among the early possibilities that some of them will be giving vent to the expression, "I told you so." One of the heaviest stockholders is in such jubilant spirits over the outlook that it would be a hard task to convince him even now that he is not a millionaire.

Anchor Shipments.

Park City, March 7.—The monthly shipment of Anchor ore is being made this week. It is a fine lot and will amount to about 40 tons.

Stock Broker.

E. E. Crooks, 15 West First South street. Telephone No. 6.

THE FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

"Ladies' night" at Mystic lodge No. 22 on Monday last was a genuine affair of pleasure for all who were present. The subject of debate, "Resolved, That the high hat bill passed by the legislature is a good law," attracted about 400 Odd Fellows and their lady friends. Four members of the lodge were assigned to each side of the question. Each debater handled his subject in a masterly manner, and many times were they encouraged by the audience with hand clapping as a sign of approval. Necessarily there were many witty sayings, and comical situations encountered which but added to the general hilarity. The affirmative side of the subject prevailed, which seemed to satisfy all present. The orchestra of 22 rendered some choice selections. By the way, we must say that the orchestra has reached a precision of movement and general harmony of effect that makes it the peer of the best in this city. Mr. Ashwworth sang a couple of songs, one of which, "Mona," was fine indeed.

Miss Aggie Berkhoel sang "Happy Days," which was encored.

Mr. Swenson recited two very choice selections that were well received.

Tonight the time of the lodge will be pretty well taken up perfecting arrangements for the second anniversary of Mystic lodge, which occurs a week hence. The talent for that occasion will consist of the best that this city can supply, and no expense or painstaking will be spared to outdo anything of the kind ever attempted in fraternal circles in Salt Lake. The event will close with a sumptuous repast that will open the eyes of some of our friends, who will partake of a supper that will satisfy the cravings of the most epicurean stomachs. Admission by ticket only, which will be limited to the seating capacity of the hall.

Ridgely lodge on Wednesday had its accustomed attendance, and transacted a limited amount of business. A brother was present after an absence of two years—Mr. Archie Frame—now of Mercur.

The members of No. 9 never assume an attitude of indifference, but make an effort to make the meetings interesting, thus benefiting themselves and others. They speak kindly to all who enter the hall, and let everyone they meet see by their actions that they are willing to practice the teachings of friendship, truth and love.

Enterprise lodge No. 15 met the same evening, and after disposing of regular business proceeded to have a drill of the degree staff with some of No. 9's members taking part. No. 15's members are a cheerful lot who keep cool, put the best foot forward and struggle upward and onward in the cause that binds us together as brothers. They believe in sunshine and not clouds, and realizing the shortness of life make the best of it.

Utah lodge No. 1, on Thursday, had a goodly number of brothers out, who, one and all, interested themselves in the lodge business. They believe in being angels of mercy in time of distress. They keep Odd Fellows who are struggling against adversity, and make them feel that they are among friends indeed.

Jordan lodge No. 3 on the same night held forth in their regular meeting place and did their full share of legitimate business. Good feeling prevailed among those present and remarks were made by members that left a pleasing remembrance on the minds of those present.

Salt Lake lodge No. 2 met Friday night with many members present. The lodge impresses upon its followers the necessity and advisability of always attending lodge, being benevolent, dutiful and true for the right, and causing sunshine and pleasure to follow in their footsteps.

Oquirrh encampment No. 1 will hold its first session on Tuesday night since its change of meeting time. Hereafter it meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, which will insure a larger attendance as many of its members being members of Ester Rebekah lodge, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays, failed to put in an appearance. Remember that the encampment is a good place to learn all about the golden rule, in receiving the golden rule degree, and that toleration is one of its cardinal precepts.

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Supreme Representatives Thomas and Bucher with Grand Secretary Moore, made a visit to Mount Pleasant lodge No. 20 on last Wednesday.

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Ester Rebekah lodge No. 8, on last Tuesday, held a most interesting session. The sisters and brothers were there in large numbers with quite a sprinkling of members of Naomi No. 1 and Miriam No. 5, who find it impossible to stay away from such notable gatherings as Ester is sure at all times to have. They know that business is transacted in a parliamentary manner, the officers having studied Cushing's manual to their advantage and being at all times prepared to "sit upon" any irregular proceedings or attempt to cause dissension or delay in lodge work. Lena Tretheney, the efficient noble grand, ably assisted by Vice Grand Katie Loring and the other officers, proceed to business on time and go through with the "rules of order" expeditiously, causing no delay or friction.

One lady was initiated into the mysteries of the beautiful degree of Rebekah Odd Fellowship. The lodge gave its second rendition of the revised work, and although they have had but a limited amount of drilling in the work, it was very well done; if there were errors they were not noticeable except to those thoroughly familiar with the work.

One thing that adds to the effective completeness of the floor work is the undivided attention the individual members give to their several parts. We cannot forbear to mention the B. B.'s charges, which were given with so much vim and distinctiveness by the sisters.

The Rebekah lodges who wish to know how the work is rendered in the revision cannot do better than by visiting Ester lodge. A brother who was present from another Rebekah lodge, and who is greatly interested in his subordinate degree staff (one of the best by the way), was asked when the lodge got through with the work how he liked it. He said he had but few words to say about it, and that was simply that they beat the men in doing the work.

We commend the action of the noble grand in appointing investigating committees on the applications for membership; it is one of her most important duties, as upon the investigating committee frequently devolves the responsibility of a good or bad character admitted. A thoroughly competent committee will investigate the character of an applicant so completely that an unworthy man or woman will be debarred from entering when the membership in general may think they are entirely worthy to assume the mantle of membership. Good, true and tried members should be appointed, and never a new member who is without knowledge of the responsibilities in the matter.

The members of No. 8, composed of bright and intelligent women who ever strive to advance the teachings of the order, set an example worthy of imitation.

On several occasions we have called attention to the fact that the title of Rebekah lodges has been changed by the sovereign grand lodge. For instance, instead of Ruth lodge No. 7, D. of R., it should read Ruth Rebekah lodge No. 7. Despite all that, there are members of this branch who still cling to the old title, D. of R. Now, if the fair sex only was eligible to membership in our Rebekah lodges, it would be a proper title, but the brothers also hold membership, and the writer is at a loss to understand how a number of brothers constituting the male members of such a lodge can be called Daughters of Rebekah. Not only is this error made by the members of the lodges, but by parties who, while they are members of the order, are not yet acquainted with this change in the title of Rebekah lodges.

The following remark of Sister Melville in the National Rebekah applies very forcibly to all lodges and societies and members of all lodges: "The reports of the year's work have been made, officers elected who will soon be installed and our lodges start out on the task of making history for 1897. It rests with the individual members of each lodge to say what that history shall be. Let each determine that no act or word of theirs shall mar its fair pages. By kind and generous deeds; by more practical application of the teachings of the order; by more determined efforts to 'correct, to rectify the besetting sin of selfishness;' by a more loyal submission to the will of the majority; by more earnest efforts to rightly perform any task assigned to us we may each add a certain amount of luster and beauty to the year's volume of recorded acts."

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The Herald is favored with an advance copy of the Utah Odd Fellow, which will be out tomorrow. It is an exceedingly interesting number and should be read by every member of the order.

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Woodmen of the World—Last Monday evening I wandered into a camp of woodchoppers and there I found a group of good men sitting around a log fire and enjoying a social hour in conversation, interspersed with music, etc. I inquired as to the meaning of woodchopper, and I was answered in the following manner:

"Life can be compared to a forest and man a poor wandered. He commences his journeyings at the cradle and never ceases until he rests in the coffin. The intervening space is a continuous battle. So we have banded ourselves together to warn each other of the snares and dangers which beset the pathway of all. The greatest troubles we have to contend with are the weeds of ignorance, jealousy and superstition, and many men pull others down and fall by the wayside themselves by indulging their depraved appetites in these poisonous weeds.

"Many others seem to have no ambition whatever to make the pathway through this dense forest any clearer for those surounding them or for those who will follow, and this is one of the most troublesome features. Those kind of people have to be taken care of, they not only retard the onward march of civilization, but the work falls upon the shoulders of a few. Still we have cause for hope. We see on all sides of us the beneficial results of our labors, and if you feel inclined to join us in the work we have set out to do, the following rules will give you an idea of what is expected of you:

"1. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"2. Thou shalt be honest in thought, word and deed.

"3. Thou shalt not envy the rich because riches do not produce happiness; in many cases they paralyze the higher faculties and sensibilities.

"4. Thou shalt pity the poor and do your best to give them opportunities, so that they may raise themselves out of misery on to the plane of contentment.

"5. Thou shalt consider true manhood the highest aim in life.

"6. Thou shalt never be owned by another man, either in body or mind.

"7. Thou shalt keep alive the memories of the good and the true.

"8. Thou shalt be upright in thy dealings with thy fellow man.

"9. Thou shalt remember that 'to err is human; to forgive, is divine.'

"10. Thou shalt not noise abroad the follies of thy neighbor."

I joined the order. The evening was one of pleasure. Neighbors Butler, Langton and Graham, a trio of sweet voices, sang a beautiful song, and then I was asked to be seated in the center of the circle, and a neighbor by the name of Meakin recited a beautiful poem entitled, "Earnest Faithful."

I was then called upon for a speech—but all I could say was that I hoped my record would be a similar one to Earnest Faithful.

I understand that at the next meeting (tonight) a fine programme will be rendered, consisting of music, debates and refreshments.

I shall be there if possible.

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The choppers of camp No. 53 gathered in full force around the stump last Tuesday evening in regular session. Most everyone sawed wood and the regular business was soon through with. Initiation of new members was taken up and given in an amplified form, after which the adoption of by-laws by sections was commenced. Section 8 was reached when midnight arrived, and further consideration was postponed until next Tuesday evening, when they will be made the special order of the session.

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The past week has been a very propitious one for Knights of Maccabees throughout the inter-mountain country. From Montana to New Mexico the membership has materially increased. In Utah the tents are all active and the interest increases daily. At Ogden the boys have a very fine set of paraphernalia for degree team work and used the same by initiating a new candidate last Wednesday night. At Salt Lake the applications are steadily coming in, and great care is being taken in the matter of admissions. At Coalville there were 14 new applications accepted last Monday night, besides three initiations of previous applicants. At Park City Deputy Supreme Commander Wright is doing some special work, assisted by Sir Knight Wilkins of Coalville. The tent there is certain to increase in membership, as the order is now well known in that great camp. At Castle Gate the membership is generally in earnest and the tent there is strong and healthy. We are not advised recently as to the tents at Mercur and Bingham canyon. The sir knights at Scofield are somewhat discouraged because of the slack work at the mines, where the men are not able to get steady work. Sir Knight J. H. Vail will try to hold the tent there together till the season opens there, when the tent will be built up.

In Wyoming the order is growing faster than any other of its character. The tent at Evanston is still the banner tent of that state.

Montana will have a delegate at the biennial review of the supreme tent, which will be held at Port Huron, Mich., in July, this year.

Sir Knight A. J. McCray of the tent at Park City is expected to become the state deputy for Nevada and to take charge of his work there next month.

The Maccabees are now one of the greatest of the benevolent orders in the United States, being second in membership only to the A. O. U. W. It receives members from the age of 18 years to 51 years. It has a graded rate of assessments and pays disability and old age benefits. It numbers over 260,000 members, and is growing more rapidly than any similar order in the country. It has one central jurisdiction, which saves to its members thousands of dollars annually in costs, and is managed by men who are acknowledged to be among the most capable fraternal insurance men of the world. It pays out annually, in round numbers, $2,000,000 to beneficiaries of its deceased members and to the disabled and aged. It costs only one-third as much to carry insurance in this order as it does to carry the same amount in an "old line" company. The death rate is less than six to the thousand each year, and the average is 34 years. The table of rates is based upon the American Actuaries' tables and, therefore, one knows just what it will cost him each year for the protection. The limit of insurance is $3,000, and one may carry as low a sum as $500.

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Justus R. Temple No. 4, Rathbone Sisters, gave a social at the K. of P. hall on Saturday night. The following programme was carried out:

Organ solo—Professor Van Bun.
Opening remarks—Mrs. Cora Addis.
Child's poem—Baby Emery.
Vocal solo, "Dear Heart"—Mrs. Meakin.
Recitation, "A Woman in It"—Professor J. P. Meakin.

The remainder of the evening was spent in cards and social converse. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was passed.

The lady's prize at cards, a beautiful bouquet, was won by Mrs. Nichols, and the gentleman's, a picture of Mozart, by Mr. Atkinson.

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The interest in Grand Army affairs is increasing, and the meeting of McKean post this evening will be attended by a large number of the comrades. Visiting comrades are always welcome at these gatherings, and by placing their transfer cards with the post they will be in touch with the comrades of the department and have a more zealous interest in their success.

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Viola Circle No. 281, Companions of the Forest, held its regular meeting at the Odd Fellows' hall last Monday evening. Four ladies were initiated into the order and applications for five others were received. The Circle is steadily growing in numbers and importance. The social committee reported everything progressing well with their masked social to be held on Thursday evening next, and committees were appointed to look after the oyster supper, etc., also reception committees and committee on entertainment. The social is to be given in celebration of the third anniversary of the organizing of the Foresters' society in this city, and to make it novel they have decided to appear in character and masks. Prizes are offered by the society for the best sustained character and for the handsomest costume.

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Eagle Gate lodge No. 10, A. O. U. W., will introduce a candidate for the first degree of the order on Wednesday evening next in their lodge room in I. O. O. F. hall, Market street. All brothers are cordially invited to attend and enjoy "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

The brothers were so anxious for an initiation last Wednesday night that they put forth a substitute and gave him the second degree, under "the good of the order," to the edification of several visiting brothers from other jurisdictions.

No. 10 has again taken the initiative and instituted a side degree of the order called the Mogulian, with Brother A. C. Spears as deputy grand mogul. This addition is for a praiseworthy object. Brothers should still further increase our large attendance by all turning out next Wednesday night. Visiting brothers are heartily welcome.

The Rocky Mountain Workman for the month of March is at hand, and is an exceptionally newsy and interesting number, which all who are connected with the order will find profitable reading.

Purgatorial Pills.

The druggist would hardly smile if you asked for "purgatorial pills." There are many of them. But he would probably recommend a pill that did not gripe; a sugar-coated pill, gentle in action, and sure in effect. What are they called?

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OREGON TO SAIL.

Whereto and When, However, is the Question Being Asked.

San Francisco, March 7.—The battleship Oregon will not remain long in port. Just where she is going, no one seems to know, but the sailors all expect an excursion around the Horn. Extra provisions have been taken aboard, and yesterday the steamer J. D. Peters was alongside, putting aboard a large consignment of flour. Canned meat and other canned goods have been put aboard in quantities, and the man-of-war is now ready for a long cruise, so far as stores are concerned.

No fast time can be expected from her, however. She has not been on the dry dock for months, and her bottom is very foul in consequence. She was to have gone to Port Griord to be placed on the dry dock, but the chances are that she will now go without any overhauling.

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