

NEARLY SEVEN MILLIONS FROM WYOMING MINES

Value of Coal Output Alone Was Four Million Dollars.

Expected That of Copper and Iron Output Will Be Doubled Next Year.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23.—From data which have been compiled from private reports your correspondent obtains the following statement of the mineral output of the mines of Wyoming for the year 1900: Coal \$4,000,000 00 Gold 1,158,249 25 Copper 449,517 17 Silver 61,004 86 Total \$5,769,243 13

COAL MINING IN WYOMING

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Coal mining in Wyoming is and ever will be one of the leading industries in this state. The business has grown steadily since 1882, when the Union Pacific Coal company opened mines at Rock Springs and in that year produced 625 tons of coal, and at the present time the thirty or more mines have an annual output in excess of 3,500,000 tons.

properties, a number of companies are prospecting in different parts of the state and will open mines during the year 1901. Of these mines mentioned the Elk Mountain coal fields in southern Carbon county, owned by the Burlington and Toward which the company will build the Salt Lake line during the coming summer; large deposits in Fremont county and to which a railroad has been surveyed from the eastern part of the state, and fields in southern Wyoming to which the Laramie & Rocky Mountain railroad will build a line. But without counting on the prospective mines, it is safe to say that Wyoming will produce during the year 1901 not less than 5,200,000 tons of coal.

Accidents in the coal mines of the state during the year 1900 were few in number as compared with the number of men employed, there being only twenty-four fatal and thirteen non-fatal. Of this number fully 50 per cent was the result of carelessness upon the part of the miners themselves and due in no way to a failure to guard against accidents upon the part of the employers.

UINTAH COUNTY STILL PROSPERS

EVANSTON is the third city of importance in Wyoming. It is the county seat of Uintah county, situated in the extreme western part of the state, and has come to be a city of about 3,500 people. The indomitable energy of the inhabitants, and their ever increasing faith in the varied possibilities of Uintah county as a wealth producer, explain Evanston's present thrifty and prosperous condition.

Evanson being the center of a section so rich that capital cannot long withstand the temptation to reap the harvest that cannot fail, it is not surprising that the town has grown fast and is steadily growing. Here all professions and lines of business are represented by able, earnest men.

Railroad Shops.

Evanson is a railroad town of no mean importance, as here are located the Union Pacific shops, with a monthly payroll of nearly \$50,000. As the company receives through the merchants what, taken in every way, the existence of these shops means in the business affairs of Evanston.

As a stock raising country Wyoming stands among the foremost and nowhere in the state are conditions more propitious for the advancement of this industry than in Uintah county. Not only have many great fortunes been made, but as it is an industry which

makes its influence felt in all other branches of business, the entire county has gradually reaped its proportionate benefit. More than 275,000 head of sheep and goats represent the immensity of the industry in Uintah county and over 20,000 head of cattle graze on the hills. To the former some greater attention is devoted, owing to the scarcity of hay, but with the advent of the farming element this disadvantage will be speedily done away with and the raising of both sheep and cattle become more easy of promotion. As it is, however, no country can boast of raising offering nutrition in greater quality or abundance, and this, taken with the favorable climate, has led flock-masters to settle their herds here until Uintah county's reputation in this respect has gone far and wide.

The quality of the product is not surpassed anywhere. The section adjacent to the superior grazing advantages. The lands are covered with buffalo grass, bunch grass and others of equally nutritious nature. Nothing is gained by the more abundant than the animals are scarcely ever fed, their healthy appearance being due to the abundance of food and the cause of many stockmen to pour forth his praise of Uintah county's grazing possibilities.

Mining Possibilities.

As a mining country, Uintah county is barely at the beginning of its development. Strictly speaking, comparatively little research has been made in this industry, but the fact remains that in the northwestern part of the county, a region which has probably seen fewer prospectors than any section of the Rocky mountains, every kind of valuable minerals is present. Several claims have been staked off in the mountains east of Star Valley and some work is being done in Dry Creek canyon also, some mining has been carried on, copper ore of \$50 value and with some silver, having been discovered.

To the man who is seeking a place wherein to establish a home no country offers a better increment than Uintah county. The valleys are rich and breaded with canals so perfectly regulated and equipped that almost any section may be selected with security. To one unaccustomed to farming by irrigation the thought of attempting to till the soil by such a method is by no means inviting, but long experience has tested the plan and not found it wanting. It can always be relied on, whereas the man who waits for the sky to release the necessary moisture is likely to some time wait in vain. Irrigation cannot but hold the ground to its original richness and in nearly every case adds to the quality. Among the notable farming settlements in the county are the Bridger bench, which lies in southwestern Wyoming and is rapidly being occupied. The bench is about fifteen miles long in extent and during the last two years many settlers have become convinced of its possibilities and eagerly established homes there. The first products have undeniably proved the good judgment of these home seekers, as no other portion of the county gives more flattering promise in the way of farming.

Only a few miles from Bridger bench is the valley of Smith's Fork. The valley is narrow. Through it winds Smith's creek, a little stream densely vegetated on either side. From the broad, rich meadows which sweep away from the stream each year are gathered crops of wild hay. This product is rich and very abundant. The settlers of this valley are Mormons from Utah, who came into the country several years since and have transformed it into a rural paradise. Wheat is successfully grown here, also oats and rye. The abundance of the harvests is a demonstration of the energy and methods of

these Utah settlers. Another section which has been also made a wonderful producer and place of beauty is Star valley, settled by former residents of Utah. Directly north of Star valley is Jackson's Hole, which is fast proving a section of many resources. During the last two years many new settlers have gone there and the valley is rapidly showing the results of their thrift and determination. Opportunities for stock raising are there offered in abundance, as the ranges are covered with nutritious growths.

WOOD RIVER'S YEAR OF PROGRESS

BLAINE COUNTY, Idaho, and the Wood River country are steadily and surely regaining the prosperous condition they were in some twelve years ago, and from the diversity of resources, it is apparent that this region does not depend upon silver-lead mining alone for its existence.

The farming, stock raising and sheep industry has assumed gigantic proportions; let a prospective investor visit Los River, Little Wood River, Silver Creek, Spring Creek, Camas Prairie, the Wood River valley; see the school houses comfortable, permanent dwellings, large barns and sheds for stock, the immense stacks of hay, the well-filled granaries, and his only wonder would be that the country is not better known, and thought of let him, in the summer, take a trip to Muldoon, or elsewhere on Little Wood river, for the finest trout fishing to be found anywhere, and he will wonder that there are so many sheep in Idaho, let alone Blaine county; at the ranges close to town, on the hills may be seen herds of sleek, well-fed cattle, which market favorably with those feeders of Kansas and Nebraska. Let him go westward and morning, noon and night he will hear the sharp, shrill whistle from the numerous plants on the Gold Belt, Bullion, and surroundings.

The Gold Belt is yet in its infancy. Though worked in past years in crude manner little depth has been attained, save on the Camas No. 2 and the Tip Top; these properties show great values as depth is attained, the former still lies idle, though the dump is being worked over by cyanide system. A fine mill has been built at the Golden Star, owned by Mr. Plughoff; a mill is being built at the Jumbo, graded and ready to develop, by E. H. Fox & Co., of Olympia, Wash.; the Liberal and Maggie May, under the management of Mr. Courtney, are being vigorously opened up. This property is recent location, but the values are greater than any of the properties yet opened up. L. J. McConnell has bought some valuable gold claims, and numerous local holders have valuable properties there that only require development; the Hope and Croesus are temporarily closed down for the winter, awaiting larger machinery; it is said that Croesus is preparing to sink a three-compartment shaft and enlarge mill to double its present capacity.

Silver-Lead Mines.

The silver-lead mines still continue to turn out carload after carload of high grade ores, of such grade that they obtain an excellent rate for treatment, the ore being remarkably free smelting and much sought after. Some twenty-five hundred odd tons have been shipped from the Halley station, this year to December 1, of the value of \$25,000; this does not include ores shipped from Ketchum, Bellevue and Glimet, of which there is no available data. The chief producers of the past year are the Idaho Democrat (owned by Della Mountain Mining Co.), the Red Cloud, under lease to Thomas Kennedy and associates, the Jay Gould, the Star, Hampton and Carey mines at

the deposits most easily obtainable, but the development has been hampered because of the distances which had to be traversed to the railroads. Since the Rio Grande Western has put in its branch through Provo canyon many great developments in the next few years are expected. The motley and the pure white are the kinds of marble found in the places above mentioned. At Payson and Hobble creek mentioned, the Vermilion and the serpentine variety is as good a grade and comparable favorably with the Tennessee marbles. A general marble business, which, if it can be mined in large enough quantities, will be equal to the far-famed Belgian marble, has been found near Lett. The marble developed in this region has not been of a character to insure good returns.

Three miles south of Payson, a large amount of pure white marble has been found. The quarry has been opened up as fast as possible since it is from here that the stone for the new residence at Brigham street, of Thomas Kearns, is being erected.

This, as stated before, will be the first structure of marble ever built in Utah. No less than 1,200 tons will be used in completing the residence. Tests have shown that this variety is satisfactory for the use it will be put to.

There has been very little demand for granite since the completion of the temple. More of the varieties of granite found above ground have been sold. As illustrations of what has been done in the erection of buildings and residences, all of which have used the Utah stone, may be named the temple, Brigham street, the residence of David Keith's residence, Sanpete orrille, city and county building, gray sandstone, from the quarries at Kyune, John White's residence, Nebo brown stone; Salisbury residence, Emigration canyon buff sandstone, Thomas Kearns' residence (brightly completed), Erisco marble, nature intended. HERBINE will tone up the stomach, regulate the liver, where other preparations only relieve. Price, 25 cents. An Dyke's drug store, corner Main and Third South.

UTAH'S FINE BUILDING STONES

NATURE has been more than kind to Utah in the distribution of building stone. Everything imaginable that is used as building stone is found in this state. Granites, onyx, marbles, oolite and many kinds of sandstone abound in many places here. Not only are the deposits of any one kind of stone not confined to any one place, but several different varieties have been found in different localities in the state. While there have not been many developments in this industry, enough has been quarried to show that the possibilities are almost endless.

The varieties in building stone used the most, of the kinds in Utah, are oolite, granite, red, gray, brown and buff sandstone, with a small amount of marbles. All through the Sanpete valley the oolite, of the white variety, is found in large quantities. Red and buff sandstone abounds in Emigration and Red Butte canyons, in the country surrounding Park City, and in Provo valley. The quarries at Mt. Nebo and Diamond Creek produce the brown sandstone, while the gray, which is so extensively used, is from the town of Kyune. Deposits of granite are found all over the state, but the most extensive are at Alpine, Brigham City and Cottonwood.

Although marble has only been used for one structural purpose in Utah much of it exists in the state. The varieties of the stone embrace the best grades. The marble quarries have not yet been opened up to any great capacity, but much has been done in that way. Along Snake creek and in Heber valley are

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At Bed Time

I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. It is made from herbs, and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's Medicine. Lane's family medicine moves the bowels each day. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Goshie-Pitts Drug company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wednesday we offer for sale one Joel Fischer upright piano used short time, only \$22. Elegant mahogany case; piano almost new, only \$172.50. One Golden oak piano worth \$400, special, \$212.50. Cash or time payments. TEMPLE OF MUSIC, 265 South State street.

Advertisement for various goods including suits, jackets, coats, table linens, shoes, and silks. Includes circular logos for 'Greater Bargains' and 'All Table Linens'.

Large advertisement for 'Great Doings This Week' at the F. H. Fuerbach Estate Liquidation Sale. Text describes the sale as a 'Gigantic proportions' event with 'UNBROKEN FRONT' of goods.

Advertisement for 'MEN'S WOOLEN UNDERWEAR', 'GLOVES AND MITTENS', 'CORSETS', 'EMBROIDERIES', and 'HOSIERY'. Includes circular logos for 'Greater Bargains'.