

Mines and Milling LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

It is announced that the Champion mine of Nevada is bonded or sold to the French syndicate which has secured options on a number of mines in the district.

The water in the streams in the mountains has increased somewhat since the cooler weather set in.

Sinking to bedrock at the Steamboat mine on McAdams Creek, Skiskiyou County, still continues, and the men are now laying sluices and hoisting pay gravel.

No section of the State shows so much advance in mining as does Calaveras County. At present Mariposa County follows a very good second.

The Swank placers, Washington, are clearing up about \$1200 a month.

Coal said to be good for blacksmiths' use has been found in the Peschotto country, Washington, about thirteen miles from the Great Northern Railway.

The commission appointed by the President to treat with the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Indians has obtained a cession of fifty-six square miles on the mineral land in the district.

In the Trail Creek country, British Columbia, new properties are being constantly added to the list of shippers and the quality of ore coming out is improving.

The reduction plant built by the Colorado men at the Mercur mill, Utah, is to be given another test, and if the results are not satisfactory the works will be abandoned.

It is not probable that the Sevier properties in the Marysvale (Utah) country will have a mill this year, but it is promised in the spring.

Since the Chicago and Montana Company took hold of the Snowshoe mine, Libby, Montana, there is increased activity all through the district.

The mines at Alsea, in Oswego, Wash., which have been in the shade for a few years past, are showing signs of picking up again.

There are said to be twenty-seven good mining properties now being worked in Nevada, and it is expected that the number will be very active next season.

In British Columbia the Government is lending its assistance in building a road from the head of Crawford Bay toward Fort Steele.

The Alaska treadmill mill, Douglas Island, is expected to produce from 25,000 tons of ore per month and about 400 tons of sulphurates are also treated.

It is thought that about 600 miners will winter at Birch Creek, Yukon River, Alaska.

Seventy-mile Creek empties into the Yukon River, Alaska, about seventy miles below Forty-mile Creek. The fact that prospectors this fall came to the trading post on the trail, shows that they have found good prospects at Seventy-mile.

Magnetic iron pyrites are found in the gangue of the quartz mines in the Juneau belt, and about Sitka, Alaska.

The great stack of the Nut furnace of the Anaconda Company, Montana, is about 200 feet high. It is 60 feet in diameter at the base and 22 feet at the top; 225,000 brick were used in its construction.

The sulphur mines on the west shore of the Gulf of California are to be opened and it is thought sulphur can be mined and put on board ship for \$10 per ton.

There is a strong competition, however, in the sulphur which comes by shiploads from Japan.

The Mayer district in the Gunsight country, Ariz., seventy-five miles south of Gila Bend, and eighty-five from Maricopa, has a new mining region, but it is again coming to the front through the intelligent work of a few miners who are developing a number of good claims.

A New York syndicate which has completed a new process of treating gold ore is going to put up works to handle one hundred tons a day at some point in the State of Washington, and wants Spokane to help out with a site and power.

Cliff and St. Elmo mines, on Trail Creek, British Columbia, have been sold to an English syndicate for \$225,000.

The Georgetown divide, we see so often mentioned, comprises that portion of El Dorado County enclosed between the Middle and South forks of the American River.

The greatest hindrance to mining work at this time of the year is lack of water, but by the end of November the rains will replenish the storage supply and raise all the streams.

One which was formerly crushed at De Lamar, Nev., by rolls, is now worked in Grimm mills, which are reported to be very successful.

The wood and lumber companies which supply the Comstock mines, Nevada, have lately received very large orders for mining timbers, which implies more active work in some of the mines.

INSPECTED BUTCHERTOWN

The Board of Health Orders Many Long-Needed Improvements.

CITY ORDINANCES VIOLATED. The Butchers Warned to Stop Dumping Offal and Other Garbage in the Bay.

The Board of Health proposes to see that the ordinances regulating that section of the City commonly referred to as "Butchertown" be enforced.

Many Prominent Vocalists Will Sing for the Children's Hospital.

Contingents Preparing to Come From Oakland and San Jose.

Stars of all magnitudes are rapidly being secured for the grand concert which is to take place on November 19 and 20 in aid of the Children's Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Bell, the prima donna of the concert troupe, is expected to arrive shortly in San Francisco from the East, where she has recently been adding to her

European reputation by making very successful appearances.

One of the solo mezzo-sopranos who has been secured is Miss Josephine Sierstern, a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Dresden and a pupil of Frau Aglaya Orgeri, one of Germany's best-known prima donnas at one time, and now a first-class teacher.

Miss Elizabeth Miller, one of the contraltos, has an especially fine and well-trained voice. She is a pupil of the late Francesco Lamperti, who was the maestro of Albani and a long list of other celebrities, which includes some of the greatest singers of the age.

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Stevenson moved to the Hawaiian Islands. It was while on a visit to them in 1890 that Stevenson met the boy.

Stevenson purchased an immense tract of unimproved land on the island of Samoa, and then proceeded to develop it into a large sugar plantation. Mr. and Mrs. Strong and their child were installed on the plantation.

It was during this time that Stevenson began his famous cruises among the islands of the Pacific in his yacht Casco, that had formerly belonged to the late Dr. Merritt.

In all his watery wanderings he was accompanied by young Strong; his parents are now living in San Francisco.

The exact value of the estate left by the dead author is not definitely known. The plantation that he bought in 1890 has since been developed into a magnificent sugar-growing estate. Stevenson also owned a valuable residence in Oakland. It is located on Thirteenth avenue and embraces an entire block of land and is of an imposing character.

It is the only piece of California property he ever owned. A number of years ago young Strong lived there in company with his grandmother, Mrs. Osbourne, and attended the public schools for a while.

A granddaddy of the boy lives in the hills back of Oakland, leading the life of a recluse. He is a man of education and learning, a graduate of one of the famous Eastern colleges, and for many years was a principal of the public schools in that city.

Lloyd Osbourne, who wrote a book in conjunction with Stevenson, is an uncle of the heir.

CAPTAIN LOCKYER SUED. Must Answer for Taking Sealskins Aboard the Tug Hercules.

United States Attorney Foote, in the name of the United States Government, filed a suit yesterday against Captain T. C. Lockyer of the tug Hercules, belonging to the Shippers' and Merchants' Towboat Association, for \$1000 and damages.

The Hercules is alleged to have taken 170 sealskins off the sealing schooner Winchester off this port on January 9 last and landed them without the formality of going through the custom-house.

The towboat was libeled on the same charge, but the attorney believes that the captain is also liable, and should be punished to the extent of the amount sued for.

A Carpenter Sues for Damages. William Perrin, a carpenter, has brought suit against John W. Wissinger, a contractor, for \$75,000 damages.

Wissinger was building a brick house at the corner of Washington and Davis streets, when Perrin was employed there, working upon a scaffolding that gave way, throwing him to the ground. His leg and arm were broken, his hip dislocated and he was otherwise badly injured.

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The boy's name is Joseph Austin Strong, and between him and the imaginative author there existed a romantic attachment that was started over five years ago and lasted uninterruptedly up to the latter's death.

He made his home with Stevenson on his plantation at Samoa. Only once were they ever separated, and then the youth was sent to San Francisco by the novelist to attend school, but the separation proved too much for the latter.

He mourned the absence of the sprightly little fellow and at the end of six months he had him return to the island. When he had him Stevenson wrote to him constantly.

The letters from the world-famous writer do not yet in his teens are sought to be published by one of the Eastern magazines. Written as they must have been for the comprehension of a youth, they are expected to throw an altogether different light upon the character of that little-known man, who was fanciful and gloomy by turns.

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