

AMONG THE MINES.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BARKER THIS YEAR.

An Indication That Barker is Going Ahead of Neilhart, Which Will Stir Up the Other Camp—Bright Days in Store for All.

(Special Correspondence of the TRIBUNE.)

BARKER, Jan. 1, 1896.

Christmas is over and so is the grand ball which by the way was a grand success, there being present over 500 people.

Neilhart turned out splendidly and many of the old-timers once inhabitants of Barker, took the occasion for an excuse to revisit their old home and all were pleasantly surprised at the steady progress of Barker.

Barker enjoyed the reputation for several years of being the dearest camp in Montana and especially in the belt mountains, but now she is coming firmly, steadily and fairly to the front and is looked upon with pleasure at home and with envy by her neighbors.

GOOD FORTUNE DAWNING.

In the early days of the camp, when the smelter shut down, most all the inhabitants forsook the town and went of all the merchants left, and Barker was left without a supply store; and how the few who did stay survived is yet a mystery, for there are but few mines in the camp that are supported by outside capital.

On the first of January every year since 1883, hundreds of locations have gone by default and been relocated by other parties who would spend most of their time during the year trying to sell some of them and succeed far enough to keep a grub stake on hand and this is the way, together with what representing outside parties would do and pay for, they have made a living and succeeded in staying with the camp.

A few good strikes were made, but at that time according to the circumstances of the country they attracted no attention whatever. Outside capital did not care and people said it would be good sometime. But now the times are changed, everybody is watching, the eyes of capital are upon the camp; when a good body of mineral is struck like the gleam of a meteor everybody sees it.

The fortune seeker and the capitalist join in the race to obtain an advertisement is spread over the entire state and beyond its borders. Quite a few good strikes have been made this winter during representing, and they have helped to bring the camp into a more prominent and brighter standing than double the strikes heretofore have done.

CAPITALISTS COMING ALONG.

Every mine in the Barker mining district might have been developed, the veins laid bare and the mineral in sight during her dark days and yet the camp been but little better off. But now since the tide of immigration has dashed like a tidal wave over the country and settled it up, the mineral men of the east are arriving and are ready to take hold of any new enterprise that turns up.

Another thing which is bound to help Barker is the high grade and easy smelting qualities of her ore. Much of her ore can be wagoned to the smelter and railroaded to the smelter which will accept it at a premium and return a good dividend to the owner.

But such shipments can only be expected from small mining men who cannot afford to build their own but larger mining men and companies will not ship a pound of ore so long as the railroad remains twelve miles from the mines.

FURTHER EXTENSION DESIRED.

Neilhart and Barker are both capable of producing 3,000 tons of ore daily, but the expense of wagoning ore 12 miles will be so much that mining men will prefer to leave their ore on a dump until the railroad comes to them. It is expected that when the railroad company comes to understand the situation of the miners they will lose no time in pushing the road, not only to this camp, but to the Judith, Basin, and thereby opening up one of the greatest agricultural countries in Montana.

A road of commerce will thus be opened, through which all the products of the Basin will pour into the mining region. The grand future that lies before this naturally favored country can hardly be imagined. Inducements at which western men would spring are held out on every side, which, with labor and capital, will be turned into prosperous and paying enterprises. It has been my fortune to ride on horseback over the most of the west and I know of no country that seems so favored by nature in all resources as the Belt mountains and surrounding country.

M. E. RYAN.

The Canadian Pacific.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—There was a remarkable increase in its earnings last year.

Maclean's-Clark.

HELENA, Jan. 4.—[Special to the TRIBUNE.]—The senate and house met in joint session at noon today and took one ballot with the following result: Maclean 39, Clark 28, Sam Word one vote. The joint assembly adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

Love Leads to Suicide.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Gabriella Oberbauer, a pretty and talented young crayon artist, killed herself yesterday because she heard that her lover, Wilhelm, a wealthy manufacturer, was about to marry another woman.

A Family Council.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—All the members of the royal family convened recently at

Window by order of the Queen. This meeting was a sort of reconciliation affair. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Fife, all of whom were present, were the princes whose reconciliation was sought by the Queen.

SPRAY OF THE FALLS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

La Grippe, in its world-enriching career, Respects neither person nor level; As witness amongst the Tribune force A sneezing editor and "devil."

Matt Dunn is one of the victims of la grippe. Be sure to read the Barker letter in another column.

A. F. Schmitz & Co. will put up a thousand tons of ice this year.

It is reported that there is a snow blockade on the Northern Pacific railroad.

Chas. E. Hall of Glasgow, who is the "father" of that thriving little burg, is in the city.

Treasurer Clark has disposed of his ranch west of the city to Helena parties at a handsome figure.

This is the time when the water, milk, ink, manure and all liquors, not alcoholic are likely to be frozen.

Our merchants are all busy taking stock, figuring on the profits of the past year and the prospective ones of the next.

The damage done by a small fire in the Smelter office the other day was promptly made good within 24 hours by Phil Gibson, the insurance agent.

Postmaster Taylor is rather overburdened by the late mails, which often come together, but he gets through a great deal of work satisfactorily.

Mr. C. F. Douglass of Minneapolis, father of Mrs. Phil Gibson, is again in the city visiting his daughter. He has just returned from a long visit to the Pacific coast.

There is a good deal of light sickness in town. Among the sick people are Messrs. Randall, Jerry Wolfe, Al. Lester, Engineer Clark, both the Vances and Mrs. Crocker.

The falls are more attractive these cold days than at any other season of the year, although it is not so pleasant making the journey there and back. Few have that love for the beautiful in nature to inspire them to undertake it.

D. R. McGinnis has been made Immigration agent for Montana and Dakota by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad. This position will give Mr. McGinnis an opportunity to employ his energy and thorough knowledge of the country with success.

Hon. Robt. S. Ford, wife and children are at the Park hotel. They will depart tomorrow for Helena and thence in a few weeks will leave for the east, to spend a portion of the winter. Mr. Ford says he intends to return early in the season when much of his time will be spent in Great Falls.

Mr. T. E. Collins and other Montanians were recently interviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle. They predicted a bright and prosperous year for Montana, adding that many Californians would become interested in our mines this year. The Montana colony on the coast seem to be enjoying life in the fullest degree.

Col. C. A. Broadwater went east on today's train and will be absent from the state several weeks. He joins his family in New York city and thence they make a voyage to the Bermuda Islands. The colonial who is an incessant worker and who has at least a hundred "irons in the fire" is fully entitled to the pleasant vacation he has mapped out for himself.

Regarding the weather the signal service report on Thursday said a cold wave extends over the northwest, the temperature having fallen from 30 to 30 degrees from the Upper Mississippi valley westward to the Rocky mountains, and it is 30 degrees below zero in Montana, this being the lowest temperature reported during the present season. For North Dakota, fair, colder, followed by rising temperature on Friday; northerly winds.

Mr. Randall has compiled a statement of the land business for the year 1895 in Cascade county. The number of land entries was as follows: Pre-emption, 340; timber culture, 178; homestead, 84; coal land, 37, and desert land, 21. Final proof was made as follows: Cash entries, 184; homestead, 23, and desert, 30. It follows from this statement that apart from the coal lands, 100,020 acres were entered last year, estimating each pre-emption as timber culture as a quarter section and each desert land entry as a section. On the same basis the final proofs represent an area of 37,920 acres. No other part of Montana shows such rapid settlement. All this is exclusive of land bought from earlier settlers by immigrants.

Col. Sanders has many admirers in town who are pleased at his so-called election. There are even democrats who would prefer him to other Republicans if he had a just claim. Mr. Held sent him a telegram in which he said: "The Kingdom of God and salvation has come, Shalom." The "rejection" of T. E. Power excites surprise. It is deemed a blow at the West side Republicans which they are not likely to forget. The choice is attributed to Sanders, who practically could not be elected, should be his favor. It is hinted that Power may have used "hoodles" to convince some of the west siders or rather to keep them from voting. It is said that Sanders and Power will be Northern Pacific men and not likely to be over friendly to Great Falls. Armstrong voted for Mantle, Hasse for Herreshoff and Lochray for Power on the first ballot on Thursday.

Balmoral Skirt Patterns going at 5c each at Joe Conrad's.

Just received Butterick Fashion sheet for January, Joe Conrad.

Ladies' fine Gold Watches at less than eastern prices at Ringwald's.

Change is one of the irresistible laws of nature, and fortunately the change is almost invariably for the better. As an instance of this, St. Patrick's Pills are fast taking the place of the old harsh and violent cathartics, because they are milder and produce a pleasant effect, besides they are much more beneficial in removing morbid matter from the system and preventing ague and other malarial diseases. As a cathartic and liver pill they are almost perfect. For sale by Lapeyre Bros.

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