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DESERVED TRIBUTE TO MINERS.

Dr. McIntyre, a prominent Chicago divine, recently paid the following worthy tribute to the men who dig from the hills their stores of precious metals:

"I admire the miner's wealth. It is clean. There is neither blood nor tears on it. It is acquired away from the scheming and cut-throat competition that characterizes ordinary ventures where the success of one man often means the downfall of some other man, or perhaps a number of men. Nobody has been pinched, nobody has been wronged. The miner who digs a fortune out of the ground has the satisfaction of knowing that he has not robbed a soul, even though he becomes a thousand times a millionaire.

"The man who makes a fortune on the board of trade, or stock exchange, or in building up a gigantic business, adds nothing to the world's store of available wealth. The world, in other words, is no richer because he is richer; he is richer because some other is poorer.

"The miner, on the other hand, whether he digs out \$10 or \$100,000, adds that much to the world's wealth. * * * As I look at the matter, there are few producers of wealth. * * * The only man comparable with the miner is the farmer. He gets what he has direct from nature, but he produces perishable wealth. While he meets a want, his contribution to the world's wealth, therefore, is not a permanent one like the miner's.

"The miner is today the king of wealth producers of our country, and I honor him above all others. It is no dishonor, it needs no apology to emulate his example, or assist him in his efforts."

Commenting on the above the Reno Gazette adds the following truthful statements:

The beautiful feature of this tribute is that every word of it is true, every word is thoroughly deserved. People, even in this section of the country, where the mining industry is the chief source of prosperity, are apt to forget the debt we owe to the miner. His wealth, as Dr. McIntyre says, is true and honest. It enriches not only the man who produces it, but the entire community. The man who digs out the gold and silver and copper and lead contributes definitely, tangibly, to the permanent store of the national wealth.

And it should be remembered, too, that the producer takes his life in his hands every day he works. For every hour spent underground, even in what is considered the safest of mining territory, is an hour of risk. The miner never knows when the roof of the tunnel or drift, bringing with it thousands of tons of rock, may crash down upon him and crush out his life. He never knows when the walls of the shaft may close over his head; he never knows when he goes to his work in the morning that he will return from it after his hours of labor are ended.

But he goes on about it uncomplainingly, the last of men to count himself a "hero in the strife," the last to imagine that he is doing anything out of the ordinary. We hasten to endorse Dr. McIntyre's tribute. It should have the widest possible publicity.

Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury under the first McKinley administration, and recognized as one of the foremost financiers of the country, upon being interviewed by a Los Angeles paper, delivered himself of the following good, hard, cold facts:

"The country is in excellent condition and there need be no fears as to the outcome of the recent financial flurry. A year ago we were going at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour and have been compelled to slow down to about forty-five miles. We are gradually increasing our speed again, however, and conditions are righting themselves as the confidence of the people is being restored. The outlook as I see it is encouraging. The Presidential campaign, of course, is having some effect, but that is largely a matter of sentiment, and I do not believe that the results from this will be serious."

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LARGE SMELTER CLOSE TO CARSON

The Western Smelter Corporation, the newly organized and independent smelter which was incorporated April 6th, is now a certainty and as it will operate entirely independent of the trust, will fill a long felt want to the mining interests of this State.

The plant will be located five and a half miles northeast of Carson, on the banks of Carson river, and on the site of the old Merrimac & Brunswick plant, which was in operation in that section some 40 odd years ago, and which is still well remembered by many of the old timers.

For a distance of from one-half to four miles from where the plant will be located the company has secured all the fluxes and iron. Enough copper and gold ores are on the dumps of nearby mines to start the smelter and keep it running for some time in the future, but as the company will operate one of the largest smelters in the West it will be able to handle all the ores shipped it.

The Western Smelters Corporation was incorporated for 10,000,000 shares. The officers are: James A. Yerington, president; P. B. Warner, vice-president and general manager.

Mr. Warner left last evening for New York and other Eastern cities in the interests of the corporation and upon his return the plant will be hurried to completion.—Reno Gazette.

FREIGHTERS ARE KEPT QUITE BUSY

Jamestown and Hornsilver, both tributary to Goldfield, have lived up things among the merchants and business men of this city, and every story that is told by those who return from either is to the effect that the outlook is better than ever. The old automobiles that were in use before the advent of the railways from the south and north, are again in service.

Freighting outfits that have not been earning much money for a year past are also busy. It is the repetition of Sodaville, when Tonopah was discovered, and again from the latter point when Goldfield came up for recognition as a camp. Later on Bullfrog and its many camps required stages, automobiles and freighting outfits.

Just how many people leave here daily for the new camps is hard to estimate, as they are going in all kinds of conveyances. By rail to Cuprite the fare from Goldfield is 99 cents, and the stage fare to Hornsilver is \$4 additional. The automobile ride is close to double that figure, with four machines for hire. A man who has been in the freighting and transportation business ever since Goldfield started, said last night:

"Conservatively estimated, I should say there were now on an average daily leaving this city, ten two-horse, five fours and two eights. The charge for freight is at the rate of a cent a pound. I understand that a better rate is being made by the railway, and freighters from Cuprite."

Water is \$2 a barrel. Judge J. W. Deane and associates have struck good pay rock on block 8 of the Deyling, and the Silver King ground.

Frank Marino, J. LeGrand and Frank Marisch came in from Jamestown yesterday with some very rich specimens of ore which came from a new find in a crosscut at a depth of fifty feet on the Schultz lease, some 100 feet distant, and what is believed to be on the same vein. Thomas F. Barnes and associates are packing and piling up ore for a trial shipment.

The Jamestown residents are not doing to be outdone by any other camp. The Jamestown Telephone and Telegraph Company has been organized, and according to a preliminary survey, connections will be made with Goldfield and outside points with the stretching of twenty miles of wire, at an estimated cost of \$200 a mile. The Jamestown News, a weekly paper, will make its appearance next Tuesday for the first time, under the direction of J. M. LeGrand.—Goldfield Tribune.

ON THE JUMP.

"The last time I gave you money," said the kindly old lady, "you promised you wouldn't walk right into a saloon and spend it."

"Dat's right, lady," said the hobo. "Yes, but as soon as you got the money you did."

"Say, lady, don't youse know de difference between a walk and a sprint?"—Philadelphia Press.

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