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THOUGHTS OF SPRINGTIME

A WALK through the business section will disclose the fact that garden seeds are in almost an universal demand as in any part of the more favored section where things grow and God's green earth is not such a rarity as to call forth exclamations of surprise. The fact that merchants carry extensive and varied stocks of flower and grass seeds proves conclusively that they have customers who buy that class of goods. Moreover, carrying the deduction further it may be inferred that what the people carry home they intend to use. In the same line of reasoning comes the later inquiry what becomes of all the flowers planted in the heart of the desert? If they bloom they would make a greater impression on the landscape and salute the keen nostrils in the early morning stroll or from work. But nothing is said about the development of the floral mania—for it amounts to nothing more than a craze. The nearest approach of lots of citizens of Tonopah to a vernal enjoyment is the routine act of buying flower seeds and committing them to some old tin can or to the more artistic flower pot, which, until recent years, did not include Tonopah in its habitat.

In contemplating the failure of so many home gardeners in and around Tonopah, one must confess the sad disappointment that must fall to the lot of those who would like to enjoy the sight of a bit of greenery in their household windows for, sad, to say, the percentage of failure is so widespread that it would be far easier to enumerate those who are successful in cultivating the most humble floral growth. A merchant who makes a business of carrying garden seeds and who is a bit of a philosopher, remarked this morning that the saddest spectacle to the student of human nature was the persistent coming of the same old customers every year for the purpose of duplicating the failures of former years. In few cases do the buyers take the matter seriously. Down in their hearts there is a cry of the wild, a pathetic, half muffled sob of the soul that appeals for plant life and the investment of good money is simply a sacrifice such as one would offer in propitiation for evil doings.

The Tonopah householder knows he is doomed to failure when he buys his annual allowance of garden seeds but he is willing and cheerful in putting up the money on the desperate chance that after all this year may bring some change of luck. Perhaps the bugs and insects, the unsightly black backed beetles that lie in wait for the seed and roots to reach an appetizing stage may be poisoned off or destroyed by some natural enemy. They are taking a chance of getting, perhaps, one flower out of a dozen packages that it may be shown and exhibited with pride to the neighbors as the reward of industry and perseverance. In the language of the placid pastoral Wordsworth it may be said:

Myriads of daisies have shone forth in flower
 Near the lark's nest, and in their natural hour
 Have passed away; less happy than the one
 That, by the unwilling ploughshare, died to prove
 The tender charm of poetry and love.

FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

THE Republicans of Nye county will travel in the middle of the road next fall going it alone without the guidance of allies or advisers. This is the resolve of a majority of the party which has been playing second fiddle for several years to the minority.

There will be but one issue and that will be reform and economy. The platform will not straddle the situation or cloud conditions with a lot of ambiguity. Economy and efficiency will be the slogan of the party. If that is not satisfactory to the voters then they are at liberty to register their preference for the present order of affairs at the court house.

The present administration is rapidly accumulating ammunition to blow itself to pieces. Every day sees the people's money going out in increasing amount without any adequate return and a continuance of the policy would invite bankruptcy to any other county not so well fortified with rich resources as those found in the largest political sub-division of the state.

If the voters want the present administration to continue all they have to do is to go to the polls and cast their ballot for the men who specialize on borrowing money and furnishing phoney budgets to blind taxpayers to the real expenditures of the county.

It must be either one or the other. A Republican administration committed to retrenchment or a Democratic board and officers pledged to extravagance and wastefulness. Which will you have?

WHY PEOPLE BUY MINING STOCKS

IT is no difficult to understand why people become so intensely interested in the purchase of mining stocks when the record of the mining industry in America is carefully considered. No other industry that has paid such wonderful profits as mining. Holders of mining stocks during the year 1915 realized no less than \$100,000,000 in profits through advances in the prices of these stocks during the last year. Writing of this in the Daily Mining Record F. G. Cox says:

"The dividend record for the year 1915 is as wonderful as the record of increased values in stocks. The huge sum of \$110,047,145 was paid in dividends during the year 1915 by American metal mines and securities holding companies. Exclusive of the holding companies, the metal mines and works included in last year's figures have paid total dividends of \$99,477,175, a return of invested capital and \$242,023,410 additional. No other of the nation's industries has made such a showing.

"Probably no mines of the world have paid greater profits than those of the Comstock Lode. The bonanza ore body of the Comstock was found at a depth of 1,200 feet in the Consolidated Virginia and California mines. This ore body produced the tremendous sum of \$111,975,761. These two bonanza mines paid dividends of \$75,000,000.

"Consolidated Virginia advanced from 17 cents a share to \$780 a share. Other Comstock companies showed fully as marvellous profits. Belcher went from \$1 to \$1,525 per share, while Crown Point advanced from \$2 to \$1,825 a share.

"Such instances prove the oft-repeated statement that one good investment is worth more than a lifetime of labor. Twenty-five dollars invested in Consolidated Virginia would have paid \$100,890 if the stock had been purchased at the lowest price and sold at the highest. Twenty-five dollars worth of Belcher stock would later have been worth \$38,125 and this amount invested in Crown Point at the lowest price would later have had a value of \$22,800.

"One of the most interesting records of investment in mining is that of Uncle Sam. The territory of Alaska cost Uncle Sam \$7,200,000. Since the purchase of this territory, Alaska has yielded \$275,000,000 in mining products alone. In addition to this a total of about \$300,000,000 has been produced in seal and fur, walrus, whalebone, fishery and other miscellaneous products.

"The total dividends paid by the American mining industry, plus the increase in value of mining stocks, is greater than profits paid by any other industry of the country. These profits are greater than the combined appreciation and dividends of all the railroad and banking institutions of the United States by large odds.

WEST END HAS RESERVES THAT WILL YIELD DIVIDENDS IN YEARS TO COME

All is not gold that glitters in the West End mine. Some of it is argenteite, a semi-metallic ore of silver. Its percentage of the white metal varies from 73 to 78 percent. Sometimes it is plastered on the quartz and sometimes it permeates it, but, wherever it is found, it is a pleasing object in the acetylene light. Other things glitter in this reliable old mine; the black sulphides, the pyrites and the ruby, although the last named rather glows than sparkles, with a flame-like radiance, particularly after it has been "bled."

It is not the intent of this article to expatiate upon glows and glitter, but rather to present a plain, unvarnished tale of what was seen and heard while making a hasty trip through the underground workings of the West End. It is not difficult to traverse the stope. One need not bend his head, for at times when walking on the foot the hanging wall is thirty feet and more over his head, held up by massive pillars or huge stulls of Oregon pine. The hanging wall is well deserving of the name, for it hags firm. There is little sealing off and the settling movement is so slight that the diligently observed cap pieces give plenty of warning by their compression.

In making these comments the Bonanza is endeavoring to obey the admonitions of the management and is avoiding so far as possible any statements that are pure theory, not substantiated by the facts that appear on the daily reports compiled through the years. The West End has been, is, and will be a conscientiously worked property. Its stock is neither heralded nor adulated as it passes through the exchange. All that the office gives out are calm, cold facts respecting tonnage and footage, values and operations costs. If the West End were a factory instead of a mine it would be similarly handled as a corporation constructed for legitimate business, intelligently operated, conservatively directed and conducted for the profit that may be had from the conversion of raw material into finished product.

The West End is a dividend payer, some \$536,545 having been disbursed to the present time, with an opportunity to cut a rather overgrown watermelon after the courts have had their inning, the size being dependent upon the verdict, for in either instance there will be a substantial sum in the treasury for distribution.

The West End vein is a most consistent one, both in magnitude and values. It neither projects into the air nor loses itself in the inaccessible depths, but continues in its enormity, for it is enormous, through the estate from end to end and presents at the present time many faces that will provide tonnage for years and years.

Yet, when this estate is inspected, even casually, as was the permitted visit by the Bonanza, it is found that the mineralization does not consist in a single vein. At the eastern end of the property is the point where the ascending solutions that come after Mount Brougher's volcano had quaked and trembled and spewed, had freest way. The solid rocks of ancient lin-

age were there fissured and fractured and in the crevices were deposited the silica and its enrichment, making not a single vein, but a confusing network of them. It has been a hard task to ferret out these deposits and it will continue to be a problem for many years, but while the analyses of geological conditions are progressing, the miners and muckers will have their hands busy following the established trails and bringing the dividend paying stuff to the surface.

One noteworthy feature of the West End work is its accomplishment in what is known as litigation ground, within the surface boundaries of the Jim Butler. Here the vein has been followed on its easterly continuation through a winze of fairly easy slope, necessitating no ladder, but rather a series of easy steps, or a much easier tramway.

A vast amount of ore is being taken and a vaster amount may yet be extracted from this territory. The ore is hoisted, treated and the returns from the bullion impounded in obedience to the orders of the court. This working, extending downward from the sixth level, is possessed of almost unbounded potentialities. There are values and tonnages that should satisfy the most ardent dreams, the most avaricious visions of the wealth seeker. But, for reasons above alluded to, the litigation that is not yet terminated, it would be exercising bad judgment on the part of the Bonanza and be a breach of trust imposed by the company to go into the details that are privileged this paper in describing the other properties that it has recently been given access to for publicity purposes.

In passing, it may be mentioned that the West End mill is one of the busiest institutions in the camp. It is treating not only the product of the West End mine, including the ore from litigation territory, but it is extracting the bullion from ores of the Halifax, Rescue, Eala, North Star, McNamara and other properties that have no operating mills of their own. This mill makes it possible for mines to develop that have no reduction plants, and, were it not for lack of additional stamps, it would probably be now doing custom work for properties in the outlying districts, as it has done for Gold Mountain, and thus continued to enlarge its sphere of helpful influence.

EVERYTHING TO MAKE A HOUSE LOOK LIKE HOME

Spring is here, with the accompanying changes in the domestic economies. Rugs are needed for the floors. Furniture is desirable to place on the rugs. Tapestries are desirable, as well as kitchen linoleums and other accessories. W. O. Dresser has received a magnificent line of what creates "home, sweet home." It's cheaper to buy from him than to patronize catalogue houses and more satisfactory in every way. He and his assistants delight in showing goods.
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