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COPPERS HOLD ABOUT STEADY

New York Market Still Weak—Buying of Coppers Influenced by This Weakness.

(By I. N. Kinsey)

GLOBE, February 2.—The New York market was again weaker this morning, but at the close was active and recovered well. The coppers this morning were also rather inclined to dullness on account of the weakness in New York market, but at the close several of the better coppers showed great strength and a little buying was sufficient to force prices up two or three points.

Globe Consolidated was in good demand today around \$18 to 18.50 and closed strong. A party of capitalists, consisting of five directors and stockholders in Globe Consolidated, are due to arrive here about Thursday for an inspection of the property. Their report will no doubt be a favorable one, and the stock is tipped for \$25 within a very short time.

We believe the liquidation in the New York market is practically over and that a better market can be looked for next week. As soon as the New York market shows a settled condition coppers will be in good demand immediately. We believe good coppers are

WOULD CONTROL ALASKA MINES

Territory Demands that It Be Saved from the Clutches of the Smelter Trust—Guggenheims Will Soon Have Everything in Sight.

Back of Alaska's demand for political autonomy, a demand that is making itself felt here, is a fight to save that vast region from the clutches of the Guggenheims, one of whose members, Simon, has just been elected to the United States senate from Colorado, says a Washington dispatch to the Rocky Mountain News.

Already the monopoly has placed its grasping hand on the territory and is making its control more secure. Denied self-government and the means of striking for themselves and directly at this threatening power, the people of Alaska are doing what they can to prevent millions upon millions that hide beneath the surface of the earth from falling into the possession of a handful of shrewd and designing men. It is, however, an uphill task that can only be successful, even in part, through the unceasing watchfulness of the friends of the territory at the national capital.

Menaced by Trust

The smelter trust, of which the Guggenheims are the moving factors, is the menace which threatens the wealth and freedom of competition in Alaska, and it is ably aided and abetted by financial interests that center about J. Pierpont Morgan. The prize which this combination seeks is what is regarded by geological experts as the greatest undeveloped copper field in the country and an area rich in coal and other deposits.

The land which the trust covets is the Copper River valley, running 300 miles north and south and 200 miles east and west; the Chitina copper belt, which stretches 50 miles from east to west, with a breadth of from 10 to 20 miles; the Catala coal fields, 20 miles square; the petroleum belt, which skirts the coast from Catala eastward to Yantat for a distance of 30 miles and a breadth of from 5 to 10 miles, and the Matamiski deposits. In the Matamiski district is the only known occurrence on the surface of anthracite deposits, and the coal is declared to be as good as the product of the anthracite field of Pennsylvania.

Quietly they secured all the options possible from placer miners who had gone into the district when the stampede of 1898 came on. The next step of the smelter trust was to find an outlet for its product when once its smelter was in operation.

The Guggenheims are not builders of railroads, but it did not take them long to get into communication with certain financial interests in New York that make a specialty of indulging in just such enterprises. Mr. Morgan looked over the field, and having convinced himself of its great possibilities, the rest was easy. From that moment dated the fight that is now on.

Force Out Competition

Close Brothers & Co. of London, England, very much alive to the way things were drifting in the territory, even before this, here begun the construction from Cordova bay of the White Pass & Cordova railroad, under the direction of M. J. Heney. It looked as if at first as if the projectors of this line would be satisfied with the hauling of such freight as they could obtain without invading the section which the Guggenheims had set their seal upon, the Copper River valley and vicinity.

But Heney's presence led him to realize that within a comparatively few years the output of copper and coal and petroleum there would call for large transportation facilities, and he began active preparations for piercing the district with his tracks; whereupon he was promptly informed that if he undertook to do so the Guggenheim interests, acting through Morgan, would parallel his lines into the Yukon valley, haul their own freight and inferentially cut rates to a point where he could not sustain the competition. Heney made a survey of the size of the respective purses that would be involved in such a struggle and came to the conclusion that he would better content himself with the bird in the hand.

This is about the situation as it today stands. The actual construction of railroads from the copper region has not been begun, but it is simply for the reason that the Guggenheims are not ready for the work to start.

Irving and His Cats

A new story is told illustrating Sir Henry Irving's kindness of heart. An old lady came to him asking employment.

He telephoned to his business manager asking if there was any employment at the theater that could be found for her. "Absolutely nothing—nothing at all."

Irving suggested that she might look after the cats. The manager telephoned back that there were already three women looking after the cats.

"Well," said Irving, "you must find her something. Let her look after the three women who are looking after the cats."—Human Life.

Pointed Paragraphs

A blush is often but a feminine conventionality.

The secret of success furnishes much food for gossip.

She who fishes for a husband seldom catches one worth while.

Charity of some people begins and ends with talking about it.

A woman cares not who saves money, just so she is permitted to spend it.

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A Delighted Audience

The Columbia Opera company opened at the New Lyric last night for a two weeks' stand, changing program twice a week. The offering last night and for tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday is "Said Pasha."

This show is by far the best ever offered at the Lyric and those who attended last night were surprised and delighted. The music was catchy and tuneful, the costumes in keeping with the nature of the piece and the principals strong and of good voice.

Chas. N. Holmes as Terreno, a Mexican nobleman, pleased both with his acting and his singing, and G. M. Rayfield, a Turkish officer, was a strong second choice. Pasha's daughter, Serena, as portrayed by Charlotta Gilman, was easily the star performer of the evening, although Clara Bagigan was very pleasing.

Fun for the whole outfit was furnished by Ben Lodge and Robert Albright, and they won favor with the audience immediately. A few local hits, together with Albright's dancing, helped them strengthen their hold on the audience.

A Buster Brown specialty by F. M. Fish and Lea Marlowe was well received.

All things considered, it is a performance well worth seeing and their stay in El Paso should be marked by crowded houses. If any criticism is to be made, it might be that the volume of sound is too great for the play house.—El Paso Herald.

Reflections of a Bachelor

It's foolish to be a poet unless you're rich enough to be able to afford it.

When a man will admit his coffee is cold it's a sign that the honeymoon's over.

A woman doesn't have to get the legislature to change her name; a minister can do it.

No matter how many times a girl dreams, it's either about a pearl necklace or orange blossoms.

A sleeping car company could make lots more money if it hung the passengers up on pegs, and they would sleep just as well.—New York Press.