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ors is inexplicable, and leave that body open to unfavorable criticism. The local manager seems to be desirous of being fair in this matter, and had he known that a private correspondence was to be used he could have advanced stronger arguments why the work should go on. There is no intention to awaken false hopes among stockholders, but it is evident the manager is not so certain that the tunnel is hardly as black as painted by biased experts.

Some space has been given the expert reports on the Palmer mountain tunnel. The subject is of sufficient importance to notice. It turns back the hands of progress in that district many years. The only way the public can be satisfied that there is any merit in Palmer mountain is by the making of a producing mine. These reports add to the difficulty of such an undertaking. So far as the writer is concerned his faith in the district is not shaken, nor does he doubt that the time will come when mining will be carried on profitably on Palmer mountain, although he may not live to see the prediction verified. So far as the tunnel is concerned, if the directors really place any faith in the expert reports they are more culpable and more to be condemned than the old management if they continue work of exploitation. The old manager believed he had something to work for, while the directors, believing these reports, must feel that ever dollar expended is just so much money thrown away. The honorable course to pursue, under such circumstances, would be to take the cash on hand and reimburse as far as possible those poor, unfortunate stockholders who invested all they had in the proposition. To sum up the situation to these experts, and those who believe in them, it looks like a case of heads I win tails you lose, and to those who have lived long in the vicinity of the property it looks as though there was a nigger in the wood pile, but why or wherefore is beyond their understanding.

Through the kindness of Dell Hart this office received a letter circular, just before going to press, signed by John Boyd, the former manager of the Palmer mountain tunnel, giving his views relative to the expert reports, set down briefly and mildly, which is entitled to some consideration before a final verdict is reached. He maintains that the tunnel is a legitimate and meritorious undertaking, and as he is more familiar with every foot of the tunnel and Palmer mountain than any other man his statements should have some influence. One of the best points he makes is the query why, with the report of Hewitt before them in September last the managers of the company should have touched the stockholders for more money in January, for if that report is correct then further expenditure was unjustifiable. Mr. Boyd put in many weary and trying years in his efforts to make a mine of the tunnel property, and those who know him best believe he was sincere and did his work in good faith. From all outward and visible signs he did well and masterfully, for even the experts found nothing on that score to criticize. If Mr. Boyd will only show the stockholders wherein the experts are at fault in findings and conclusions he will be doing the country he lived in for so long a time inestimable benefit, relieve the apprehension of those who have chanced their means in the project, and bring confusion those who have impuned his motives and condemned the enterprise.

CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE.

An article in the Sunday Spokesman-Review upon contemplated railroad movements states that contractors have been instructed to push work on the Oroville-Brewster branch. Up to the time of going to press no pushing is visible to the eye, yet corroborative evidence is not wanting to prove that the push will be pushing before the expiration of many days, probably before another issue of the GAZETTE. A private letter received in Oroville from an authentic source states that the contractors are expected to commence work by the 20th of August. That date is so near at hand that it will be no time at all before the pick and shovel is actively applied, if the information is correct. It is sincerely hoped about these premises that the next issue will carry the news that construction is actually under way.

A. W. Snow came in Friday last and after spending several days at the Copper World Extension, leaving for Spokane and Seattle Thursday. Mr.

Snow was not out here for pleasure, but strictly on business. We are not at liberty to state his mission, but abuse no confidence in saying that if his plans mature there will be some exceedingly interesting doings on the Copper World Extension before many weeks. He is somewhat annoyed over the Julihan report, for which the false statement therein contained does not carry a particle of weight in this country where the true extent of the ore deposit is known, it may create a doubt among eastern people who have no way to ascertain the truth. Mr. Snow was in high spirits, evidence that the outlook for the success of his efforts are very flattering.

Harris Bros' colored minstrels fell in upon the town Saturday evening, giving a late performance in a tent pitched on the vacant lot between Parks' store and Wickersham's saloon. Other performances in the nature of sacred concerts were advertised, but audiences failed to materialize. There were about a dozen darkies in the crowd, and a band of a few pieces was a part of the outfit. The band feature was exceedingly pronounced, the performers evidently considering speedy and vigorous blowing and thumping necessary for the production of music. For swiftness and strong arm work nothing has surpassed the performance in this place. The brand of entertainment under canvass is said to have been a great improvement over the outdoor exhibition of physical endurance. The show sought other lands to conquer Monday.

J. A. McCormick, who formerly held a position with the Washington Commercial company, at Riverside, but now a resident of Seattle, was a visitor in Oroville Sunday, stopping over on his way home from a trip to Riverside. Although residing on the west side Mr. McCormick takes a great interest in Okanogan county, and may return next spring to remain permanently. He is a very bright young gentleman, and his fluent praise of this upper country is doing it no harm. He is pretty observing, too, and although it may be heresy declares that Okanogan county is a dead one at the exposition so far as receiving any benefit from those who are supposed to do the boosting for the county.

Guy Fruit lost a pair of eye-glasses during the week, for which a reward will be paid to any one leaving them at this office. The glasses were in a case, and the case was marked "J. W. Fuller, optician, Los Angeles, Cal."

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