

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Riches of the Holy Terror Duplicated at Garden City.

JOHN BLATCHFORD'S LUCKY STRIKE

Opens a True Fissure of Almost Pure Gold in Rock Hitherto Worked Only as Refractory and Low Grade.

LEAD, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—One of the richest discoveries of ore ever known in the Black Hills, was made at Garden City the first of this week. The discovery was made on some property belonging to John Blatchford, and in which he has been working for some time. The ore was found in the face of a 200-foot tunnel. It is free milline in character and exists in white quartz. It is authoritatively stated that the rock fairly glistened with gold, which existed in the quartz in rich layers probably half an inch in thickness. It is said that the first samples of rock taken from the tunnel were two-thirds gold. Authentic particulars regarding this rich strike are unobtainable. However, a well-informed mining man who is familiar with the facts concerning this last strike, says that it is, without question, the richest discovery ever made in the Black Hills. This gentleman said that the rock was very similar in appearance to that found in the famous Holy Terror at Keystone. He further said that he had faith in this discovery. He believes that ore will be found to cover a considerable area and does not think that it is merely a reflection of the fact that it has thus far been impossible to ascertain the extent of the gold-bearing ledge. Almost every mining man in Lead is interested in the prospect of a reduction plant for the ore found to exist in vertical ledges on one piece of property. It is quite certain that ore of like value exists in other property within a reasonable distance. It is altogether probable that extensive operations will begin at once in this region by some of the large property owners, among whom are Ernest May and George Johnson of this city, who last week bonded the valuable Faust property in the sum of \$50,000. Garden City has already been looked upon as a promising mining region, and considerable property has already been developed, all of which shows up well. Heretofore, the ore has been refractory in character, and while of a good fair value, it was impossible for most of the owners to develop it because of the lack of sufficient capital.

ANNIE CREEK OPERATIONS.

The preliminary work has been commenced on the creation of a reduction plant for the Annie Creek Gold Mine company, of which I. J. Galbraith of this city is superintendent. The site for the proposed plant has just been surveyed. A number of Burlington officials, among whom were General Manager G. W. Holdrege, General Superintendent T. E. Calvert and Superintendent Phelan, went out to the Annie Creek property last week to pick out the course of the track which will be run to the reduction works. To put in the siding at the site of the proposed reduction plant will be an expensive undertaking, as the grade at that point is 4 per cent and the bank along which the tracks will run is from twenty-five to forty feet high. The work of grading and construction of the track has already begun and when completed it will be used for carrying the material necessary to the construction of the reduction plant. The mill will be of 100 tons capacity and the cyanide process will be employed. The Annie Creek company has nine claims, all of which are very valuable. Considerable development work has already been done and a great deal of high grade ore has been taken out of the two tunnels. A shaft is now down to the depth of eighty feet, and indications are favorable that good paying rock will be encountered within 100 feet.

A remarkable discovery of ore has been found in the Manchester property on Squaw Creek, owned by F. W. Rossiter, L. A. Webb, J. T. Gilmore, Mike Hennessey and others. In a tunnel, about ten feet from the surface, a chute of galena and carbonate ore was discovered, which carries thirty six ounces of silver, five ounces of gold, and 50 per cent lead. This peculiar ore is worth \$152 a ton. A lease had just been taken on the Manchester ground by a couple of miners and they were following the quartzite, when they discovered the ore. This ore is the full width of the tunnel. When first encountered it was chiefly galena, but the tunnel was continued it reached a carbonate character. This property is now rated as being very valuable. Ebon W. Martin, the well known Deadwood attorney, has purchased an interest in the claim in which the discovery was made, as well as several adjacent ones.

Nothing authentic has yet been given out regarding the big Pierce deal, in which the people of this city are so vitally interested. It has been rumored this week that the sale had been consummated and that the formal transfer of all the property had been made, and still further, that surveys were establishing the line of road from this city to Belle Fourche, where the mills of the company will be located. A gentleman who is cognizant of all the facts in the case says that as yet there is no definite news, but that the matter has progressed to such an extent that the consummation of the deal has virtually, though not formally, taken place.

HIGHLAND CHIEF OPERATIONS.

The Highland Chief Mining company, which is composed of a number of English capitalists, is handling a great deal of property in Spruce Gulch. The last property to be bonded was that of Peter Gilman, consisting of seven claims. This company has now an option on most of the mining ground in Spruce Gulch, including the property belonging to H. Bischoff, Peter Gilman, Henry Toombs and Hattenbach brothers. One of the claims owned by the Highland Chief is the old Champion property, in which a shaft was sunk to a depth of 150 feet many years ago. The company has had a force of men at work in this shaft during the last week, and an engine is now on route to the mine to be used for hoisting and pumping. It is generally expected that the Highland Chief company intends to inaugurate extensive operations on its bonded property in the next few weeks, and if the ground is found to be rich, the shaft will all be taken up at the time of their expiration.

Charles Parmelee of Plattsmouth, who, together with several other Nebraska men, has owned several claims of patented ground at the mouth of Squaw creek, left this week for his home on business connected with this property. He has in charge of the development work has been done and high grade ore has been taken out of a shaft of a forty-foot tunnel, also in a shaft which was sunk to a depth of forty-three feet from the level of the tunnel. Mr. Moore is greatly pleased with the indications and will probably lease the property.

The mines in the southern hills in the vicinity of Hill City are being steadily worked by their owners with the best of results. And these southern hills mines are attracting attention from eastern investors, too. An expert geologist, who has been in Hill City last week examining the Eldorado mine, owned by James N. and Joseph W. Smith, has formed the opinion that the Eldorado is cut at right angles by a fine fissure vein which extends through the entire property. Two shafts are down in the property and a great deal of good pay ore has been taken out.

The J. R. Mine, one of the most celebrated mines in the Hills, which was discovered near Hill City in 1890, and afterward passed into the possession of C. C. Pettit & Lambert, who took out \$75,000 from one vein of ore, has been purchased by Trice Crocker, a shrewd mining man. Mr. Crocker is sinking a shaft 300 feet west of the original one. It has now reached a depth of 135 feet, from which drifts have been excavated. The indications are that Mr. Crocker will yet reap as great a fortune from this mine as did his predecessors.

Tobias Cadot of Nebraska, A. J. Smith,

J. A. Padlock and John Musselman of Deadwood have discovered themselves to be possessors of high grade ore, which was found in the Ulster mine at Ragged Top. This mine had been abandoned after a shaft had been sunk seventy-five feet, and a drift extended fifty feet, as no rock bearing indications of gold ore was discovered. However, last week, out of curiosity, had samples of the rock that abounds in the mine assayed. The rock has the appearance of lime, and when an assay of gold, surprisingly rich, was returned, the owners were highly elated. Since the abandonment of the mine the shaft and drift have been filled up by cave-ins, but they are now being cleared, and the property will be extensively worked.

Ed Donaldson, a wealthy mine owner of this city, has been involved in the result, as the result of a mining transaction in which he was interested last month. Mr. Donaldson has considerable property in claims in Yellow Creek, but in the month decided that he wanted to dispose of some of his interests. He had been offered \$7,500 for his interest in several claims in Yellow Creek, but refused the offer, and went to J. W. Curran, a Lead mining broker, to whom he gave an option on the property for ten days in the sum of \$10,000. Curran disposed of the property during this time to C. W. Carpenter of Deadwood and proffered to Mr. Donaldson the option of his property, but Mr. Donaldson had considered the matter during the pendency of the option and decided that he didn't want to sell the property, consequently he refused to accept the \$10,000. Mr. Carpenter has now instituted proceedings against Donaldson for possession of Donaldson's interests in the Yellow Creek property, among which are the Donaldson mine, and the Wasp No. 2, Kickapoo, Minnie and other claims, all of which were included in the option which Donaldson gave to Curran. This is considered among the most valuable mining property in the Black Hills and the case in the fall term of the circuit court will be watched with interest by mining men.

SETTLERS ARE TOO PREVIOUS.

Fort Randall Reservation Not Subject to Entry.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—Dispatches from Iowa in the southern portion of the state to the effect that the abandoned Fort Randall military reservation was to be opened for homestead settlement this week has caused a flood of telegrams and letters of inquiry to pour into the United States land office at this city. This reservation lies partially in South Dakota and partially in Nebraska, that portion of it lying in this state being included in the Chamberlain land district. Inquiry has been made to develop the fact that rumors of the reservation being opened to settlement this week are without foundation. The survey of the land was approved August 29 last, and the state has until August 29, 1897, within which to make selection of the lands, and during that period no other disposition can be made of them; they being subject neither to settlement or entry. There are nearly 100,000 acres of land in the Fort Randall reservation, over 60,000 of which lies within the boundaries of South Dakota. Recently the general land office ordered one of its agents to proceed to O'Neill, Neb., to appraise that portion of the reservation lying in Nebraska, preparatory to its being opened for settlement, and this doubtless gave rise to the rumors that the entire reservation was about to be thrown upon the market.

TURNS GRAVEYARD INTO PASTURE.

Owner of the Land Refuses to Dedicate it to Cemetery Purposes.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—A peculiar case has developed in Gregory county. When the plats of the county were filed in the local land office some months ago residents of Fairfax attempted to make townsite entry of a large tract, including that occupied by the town. The townsite application was rejected by the land officers, one of the reasons being that a large tract was applied for than was justified by the population. The disputed land embraced an eighty-acre tract lying south of the town. Upon it is a cemetery, which was set aside for burial purposes many years ago. The townsite relinquished all claims to this tract and subsequently it was filed upon by a homesteader. Recently he has permitted his cattle and horses to graze among the graves and destroy the headstones. People who had relatives or friends buried there attempted to secure the homesteader's consent to have the burial ground kept solely for that purpose, but he refused to grant the request. Interested parties wrote to attorneys here to look up the law and see if there was not some way to compel the homesteader to respect the dead, but he has practically been decided that nothing can be done.

GRASSHOPPERS CAUSING ALARM.

Consuming Crops at a Rapid Rate.

ABERDEEN, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—A seed house of Des Moines has bought large quantities of seed fax here and shipped it to various points in Iowa. They say the fax raised in this section is the finest in the country, and will improve the quality of the Iowa crop.

South Dakota Dental Society.

VERMILION, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—The Dental Society of South Dakota got down to work yesterday. President W. O. Robinson and Vice President Collins are in attendance, but Secretary Ashton is sick at home. The society is at work on a new constitution. The old one was destroyed by fire in the office of Secretary Ashton at Milbank, February 22, last, together with all the records and minutes of the society. A committee was appointed to collect as much information as possible from the members of the society and revise the records. This is a somewhat difficult task, as the society is fourteen years old. Not all of the present members are defunct, but many are not, and were kept out of the secretary's office. The attendance at the meeting is small. Five new members were received.

Patent Died While Undergoing Treatment for Consumption.

DENVER, June 4.—Dr. Lewis F. Preston was arrested today on a warrant charging him with the murder of David Frank, a cigarmaker from Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Preston is a consumptive specialist. It is said that his method of treatment is to run a trocha or hollow needle through the walls of the chest and introduce an electric wire into the lungs. Frank died under this treatment. The doctor sent a certificate to the health department giving consumption and weakness of the heart as the cause of death.

Corner on Whiskey.

NEW YORK, June 4.—The Journal and Advertiser this morning says: Great financial interests here are deep in cogitation over a proposition to corner two-thirds of the whiskey in the United States. They are contemplating the formation of a pool to buy 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey now in bond in the state of Kentucky. The amount of money required to handle the deal will be \$50,000,000. The scheme involves an advance in prices.

Preacher Knox Acquitted.

ST. JOSEPH, June 4.—The ecclesiastical trial of Rev. John D. Knox of Topeka, Kan., on charges of hypocrisy and fraud, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal. Bishop Merrill of Chicago, who presided at the trial, refused to say more than that Mr. Knox had been acquitted. The charges were an outgrowth of the failure several years ago of a bank which Knox started at Topeka.

Supreme Court Takes a Recess.

PIERRE, S. D., June 4.—(Special.)—The supreme court has taken a recess until the

Winter Weather in June Makes Us Sell Clothing Cheap to Unload

Because of the backwardness of the season we are terribly overstocked—can't get prices for clothing such weather as we've had lately—That's why we make prices on the phenomenal order for Saturday—The most remarkable values in properly designed and properly tailored Men's Suits Omaha has ever known—our very finest—our highest priced—all our Men's Suits on sale Saturday at prices born of desperation—



Men's \$8-\$9 and \$10 Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$5

500 nobby brown Cheviot Suits—made for this spring's trade—not a suit in the entire \$5 lot that sold for less than \$8—some of them were \$9 and more of them are the regular \$10 suits—You can double the purchasing power of a \$5 bill and buy at this \$5 opportunity Saturday, suits the like of which you never bought before for.....

5.00

Men's \$12.00 fine Cheviot Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$6.50

Nearly 600 fine gray checked Cheviot Suits—The finest \$12 suits ever brought to this city—elegantly lined and trimmed—made up in this spring's latest fashion—Winter days in May and June force us to close them out—No other reason on earth why you should get such perfect goods for less than the cost of making.....

6.50

Men's regular \$14.00 Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$6.75

Brown mixed cassimeres of the very finest kind—Suits that when we bought them this spring we never expected to sell for a cent less than \$14—twilled serge and Italian linings—very stylish—well made and durable—Because we have oceans of them—you get them Saturday for.....

6.75

Men's extra fine \$15 Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$7.50

We've made no bones about cutting the price on our \$15 Sawyer Cassimeres in gray and black checks—we've just cut the price square in two—that's all—most merchants would be glad to pay \$12 for them—and if they're made as good as these they cost the manufacturers to make not less than \$10—you get them Saturday for.....

7.50

Men's very finest \$15.00 Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$7.75

These are the brown mixed Pin Checks with piped facings and lined with lasting goods—They are in every way the very ideal of what a \$15 suit should be—They have the style—they have the wear—They fit perfectly—Tailors can't make them fit more so—Hundreds of best dressers wear these \$15 suits—Saturday yours for.....

7.75

Men's \$16 fine Worsteds Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$8.50

Suits like these gray diagonals—all wool full 18 ounce goods are usually retailed for \$16 and more—but that cuts no ice with us—the icyness of the weather has brought our \$16 pile to a standstill and for that reason we propose to unload a big lot of them Saturday at about half price.....

8.50

Men's \$18 Covert Cloth Suits to be Unloaded Saturday for \$8.75

Those handsome tan shades in Covert Cloth—We've been selling them right along for \$18—Not many—because the weather has been 'agin us—but they are worth every cent of \$18—some stores will charge you more than that—Everything is perfect about them—the most decided bargain—Lots less than half price Saturday.....

8.75



Men's Suit Day Here CONTINENTAL CLOTHING CO. Men's Suit Day Here

ADMITTS GUILT ON THE GALLOWS.

JAMES LEWIS HANGED FOR ASSAULTING A WHITE WOMAN. FAIRFAX, Va., June 4.—James Lewis, colored, who was recently convicted of criminal assault on Mrs. Reidel of this place, was hanged at 9:30 this morning in the jail yard in the presence of about fifty people. Lewis was quite cool and walked to the gallows without assistance. There was no demonstration of violence on the part of the crowd. The crime for which Lewis suffered the extreme penalty of the law was that of assaulting Mrs. Ida Reidel, a white woman, who lived with her son some miles below Alexandria, Va. The crime was a brutal one and stirred the indignation of the people of the surrounding country almost to the lynching point. He had three trials in as many days, the jury in the first two cases being unable to agree and in the last trial declaring him guilty and imposing the death penalty. He asserted his innocence until yesterday, when he admitted that he had committed the assault and also confessed he had at various times committed assaults upon three other women, for one of which he served a term in jail.

WOMAN READS THE REBEL FORCES.

SHE IS THE WIDOW OF A MAN EXECUTED BY THE SPANISH. TACOMA, June 4.—News has been received here via Hong Kong that the beautiful widow of Dr. Rizal is now commanding a company of Philippine island rebels, armed with rifles, making her headquarters at Nalo, Cavite province. Last month definite information was received that she and her company were in Cavite, awaiting the expected activities of the Spanish troops in that section. The Spanish minister at Tokio received telegrams May 10, stating that the Spanish had just won three victories in Cavite province, inflicting heavy losses on the rebels. Mrs. Rizal was a stepdaughter of a retired Hong Kong gentleman, who went to Manila for his health. There his daughter met Dr. Rizal and married him against her parent's wishes. When her husband was captured and shot Mrs. Rizal determined to devote her life to the cause he had espoused and as soon as her preparations could be made she took the field.

ASSAILS TITLE OF THE CHURCH.

CONSERVATOR OF INSANE WOMAN ATTACKS HER HUSBAND'S WILL. DENVER, June 4.—Joe J. Fowler, conservator of the estate of Emma M. Bell, now in an insane asylum, has filed a petition in the county court, in which he asks, as conservator, that the personal effects of Emma M. Bell be sold to defray the expenses of investigating the making and execution of the last will and testament of the late Ezra M. Bell, who bequeathed his entire property valued at nearly \$250,000, to Trinity Methodist Episcopal church of this city. The petitioner alleges that Ezra M. Bell was insane when he willed all his property to Trinity Methodist Episcopal church; that he had no right to will away the interests of his wife, Emma M. Bell, in the estate, and that she was insane when she signed away her share of the estate. Trinity church has received the income of the estate for the past ten years.

WIND DESTROYS MUCH PROPERTY.

BUILDINGS WRECKED AND STANDING TIMBER BLOWN DOWN. GADSDEN, La., June 4.—A small sized cyclone struck the section of the country ten miles below Gadsden last evening, blowing down fences, trees and buildings for twenty miles. The barn and other outbuildings of J. W. Driskell are completely wrecked. Jim Newton's house and stable were unroofed. Immense trees were snapped off like pine stems. The wind crossed the river half a mile below Gadsden and tore up trees in East Gadsden. In the bottom lands of W. A. T. Oliver not a tree was left standing. The damage will exceed \$5,000. A severe rain in this city uprooted trees. A heavy rain and hail accompanied the wind. No one was injured.

Extending a Mexican Railroad.

SIERRA MODJA, Mex., June 4.—The Mexican Northern Railway company has decided to place \$3,000,000 of bonds in the New York market, the proceeds to be used in the construction of an extension of the road to Bouquillas del Carmen, on the Rio Grande, where a thriving silver mining camp is situated. This road was completed from Escalon, on the Mexican Central road, to this place about five years ago at a cost of \$1,000,000 and its yearly revenue is over \$800,000, or 80 per cent on the capital employed. It is the best paying railroad in Mexico. It handles all of the ore from this mining district to the smelters.

Cherokees Make a Protest.

TALLEGUAH, E. T., June 4.—A delegation of full blood Cherokee Indians have left here for Washington, where they will protest to President McKinley against the changes proposed in the Indian Territory. Claiming to represent 12,000 full blood Cherokees, they will ask the president not to sign the Indian appropriation bill, which carries the name of the obnoxious measures. They will also protest against the proposed Dawes treaty.

Knocks Out Inheritance Tax.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—Presiding Judge Hanna of the orphan's court this afternoon in adjudicating the estate of George Blight, deceased, decided that the new direct inheritance tax law is unconstitutional. The law was recently passed by the legislature as a revenue measure and was expected to add between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000 annually to the revenues of the state. The question will probably be carried to the supreme court for a final decision.

Punishing Rebellious Convicts.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Forty ringleaders of the San Quentin strike have been sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for one month. The allowance of tobacco and possibly sugar and syrup to the others will be cut out at least a year, saving \$200 to the state. The money will be used to pay for ten extra guards.

Three Lives Lost on a Glacier.

SEATTLE, June 4.—The fate of three men, Butcher, Blackstone and Mollaque, lost while crossing the portage from Sunrise City, Cook inlet, to Prince William sound, has just been learned. The men left Sunrise in March, accompanied by two guides. When the huge glacier, which must be crossed, was reached, the men hurried ahead of their guides. They were last seen taking the left fork of the glacier instead of the right. A subsequent search showed that they had reached the edge of the floor of ice and pausing on unsafe ground the ice had broken, dashing them 500 feet to the beach below.

Suit for a Large Overcoat.

TRENTON, N. J., June 4.—Carroll T. Robbins, counsel for ex-Vice Chancellor John T. Bird, receiver for the Trenton Rubber company, has served papers on ex-Mayor Frank A. Magowan in a suit for \$72,000 and interest, making a total of about \$80,000. This is for money which, according to the books of the company, Magowan has overdrawn on his accounts. The sale of ex-Mayor Magowan's personal property is going on today.

Terrible Accident.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 4.—A terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and the frightful disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Say "No," and stick to it, when you are sure to be cured. "Just as good" as the article you asked for.