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who have come to regard the recent suspension of operations, especially at the smelter, as having been the result of inefficient management only. Given a competent management at the mine and smelter, unimpeded by contradictory orders from a higher power wholly ignorant of mine and smelter operations, there can be no reason why the Copper-plate smelter should not be able to earn good profits for the company while at the same time its mine is redeemed from the inconceivable folly of those who, for a year or two, persisted in an expensive search for ore bodies in places where no sane experienced miner would think of looking for them. For a year or two, the policy of the company appears to have been to employ and retain persons in the management whose only qualification consisted of a knowledge of how not to do it. The shareholders are to be congratulated on the prospect of a radical change in the more recent order of affairs.

J. C. Welch, superintendent of the Alaska Copper Co's smelter at Coppermount is in town awaiting advice from his company concerning the matter of a renewal of operations in the very near future. Lest it be otherwise inferred, The Mining News is free to say that what is elsewhere said in this issue concerning the troubles with which the Alaska Copper Company has been of late beset, no reference is intended to be made to Mr. Welch, whose capability as mine and smelter manager is too well known to warrant even a hint of unfavorable criticism. No part or parcel of the blame for the company's troubles can justly be charged to any lack of zeal or ability on his part, a fact which should by this time be patent to all concerned.

W. W. Catlin, who is now in the city, is expected here in a couple of weeks, prepared to commence the work of development on the silver-lead property in Cholmondeley sound, known as the Moonshine, where a trail from the beach to the mine has been constructed and houses built for the accommodation of men and supplies. The ore taken out in the course of development will be packed in burros from the mine to the beach, and thence sent to the smelter. It is believed that in this way the ore can be made to pay all costs of development and a handsome profit aside. The ore runs high in silver, and carries about 80 per cent. lead, being in fact nearly all mineral.

The steamship Henriette, arrived yesterday with 220 tons of coal for the Ketchikan Steamship Company and 225 tons ore from the Outsiders mine, at Maple Bay, B. C., for the Hadley smelter. After discharging cargo at Hadley, she will go around the point, to Mt. Andrew and take on a full cargo of ore for the smelter at Crofton, B. C. The ore is waiting for her, and has been for a week or more. The Mt. Andrew is making good the promises of the local management and could very materially increase her output, if supplied with the necessary transportation.

Prospectors should investigate all deposits of black sand. The United States geological department has found that this sand usually carries platinum, which is more precious than gold. Other valuable minerals, useful in the arts, are found in black sand, which is plentiful in the western states, especially along the big streams. Platinum is worth \$30 an ounce. It will remain in the pan with gold, and can be distinguished by its bright silver color. The grains are usually smaller than gold grains. —Mining Topics, New York.

The Haldes, a new 3000 ton Norwegian steamship, which Mackenzie Bros have secured to take the place of the Themis, is daily expected here. She will come here to enter, and then go direct to Sulzer for a cargo of ore from the Jumbo mine, which will be the first shipment by the Alaska Industrial Company, but which, it is hoped, will be followed by others at the rate of from 2000 to 3000 tons per month. The ore will be consigned to the smelter at Crofton, B. C.

The Hadley smelter was blown in again last Saturday, and is now in successful operation once more, turning out matte galore. In the temporary absence of Superintendent Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Seiger lighted the fires, and is temporarily in charge of operations. There is now no lack of water, and with enough coal and coke on hand to last until more is received, the smelter promises a longer continuous run than ever before in its history.

By the way, does any one know the whereabouts of that distinguished russet-legged expert yclept Dr. Samuel Peacock? He is blind in one ear, but can tell a chunk of copper ore from a cow apple at first glance. He is wanted to expend another hundred thousand or more to build a tramway, ore wharf and bins and then find a mine to complete the outfit. Salary no object, provided it is high enough, and yellow boots, leggings and corduroys, and libitum, free of charge.

At the Rush and Rowu Mine, Karta bay, the conditions indicate more

clearly than ever a large and steadily increased production, depending only on the scale on which operations may be prosecuted. There are now from fifteen to twenty thousand tons of ore broken and ready for shipment, but it is possible that it may not be shipped for some time owing to prospective complications between the owners and the lessee by whom the mine is being operated.

The tug Clabyurn, towing the barge Japan with a cargo of copper-gold ore from the Outsiders mine at Maple Bay, arrived up Wednesday morning, but up to this writing (Thursday a. m.) has not been able to proceed to her destination at Hadley, on account of the bad state of the weather.

Jack McCallion, the practical miner, is now employed as foreman at the Mt. Andrew mine, a position for which no man in the district is better fitted.

Where is it.—Where, oh where is that telephone system for which three or four franchises have been granted by as many different councils to as many different parties?

J. E. Berg, the gentleman who is promoting a company to be organized for the manufacture of

clerical visit to Juneau and Skagway, the pulpits of whose churches are vacant just at present, is expected home on one of the first boats from the north. During his absence the services at St. Johns have been conducted by Mr. Loomis.

Father Duncan, arrived up on the Farallon, Wednesday night, and proceeded with out unnecessary delay to the one loved spot of all the earth to him—Meltlakahla, where he was undoubtedly welcomed with loud acclaim by his people, from whom he had been absent for a longer period than at any time in the past.

Meet Here.—The Pacific Coast Co's steamers seem to be making Ketchikan a sort of halfway meeting point—when they can. The Cottage City, south bound, and the Ramona going north, very nearly made it about the dividing hour between Tuesday and Wednesday last, the first named arriving about 12, midnight, and the latter half an hour later.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is growing rapidly in membership—more rapidly perhaps than other fraternal societies, if only because of the reason that the ranks of the others, especially the Redmen, have been for sometime past full to repletion. Half a dozen or more fledglings, whose initiation has been delayed because of the want of light in the hall, will be taught how to use their wings tonight, and do other things becoming a full grown Eagle.

Needed Improvement.—The Redmen have taken down the old stairway to their hall and put in a new one, besides adding an entrance porch with glass doors. If they will now devise and put in a folding partition so that the large hall can be cut in twain, it will be more than pleasing to the fraternal societies who hold their meetings therein. The hall as it stands is too large for other than public gatherings, and a change such as above suggested is very desirable.

Her Birthday.—About twenty-five lady friends of Mrs. W. A. Patterson, most of whom are members of Tongass Council No. 1. Degree of Pochontas, of which that good lady is likewise a member, met at her pleasant home last Saturday night, to celebrate her birthday. Cards, in which "hearts" predominated, and

may be navigable waters, affording the cheapest of all forms of transportation and avoiding any and all cost and expense in the construction and operation of railroads—the numerous water powers available for the operation of machinery, the almost superabundance of water and timber for all practical purposes, together with the favorable climatic conditions—did not appeal to them, and they turned themselves away to other fields of not more, if as much, promise in the way of substantial returns to investors.

Those days, however, are past, and development at the various mines now working have settled the question of depth, of the copper deposits at least, beyond the contingency of any doubt, whatever. At the Niblack mine, ore is being raised from a depth of at least 150 feet below sea level, though the original discoveries and in which the first developments were made, lie at an elevation of more than 1000 feet above it. At the Mamie, depth sufficient to dispel forever the doubts raised by the yellow booted experts has also been attained, as also at most of the other working mines of the district, both of copper and gold. This being the case, it may well be anticipated that the development of the district will proceed with accelerated pace henceforward and for years to come.

It may be true that our copper ores are of somewhat lower grade than those of some other districts, but on the other hand it is equally true that our deposits can be opened at a fraction of the original cost that obtains in the others in which long lines of railway are an essential factor in development and operation, involving an expenditure of many millions before hoped for profits can be secured. The fact is, that because of the natural advantages of this district—proximity to navigable waters, cheap transportation, cheap power and timber, etc.—our mines can produce, and in case of necessity, place in the market at a profit, copper at price below the cost of production in any of the mining states or territories of the Union. It is not likely, however, that competition will become a factor in the red metal market for many years; but should it eventually reach that pass the Ketchikan district will be prepared to meet the conditions.

The Mining News learns from the most reliable sources that an internal organization of the Alaska Copper company has been made, with a new board of directors, and all arrangements perfected for a renewal of mining operations and a relighting of the smelter fires. This will be good news for the creditors, not only, but to the people of the district generally,

port Wednesday night at an early hour. She had few passengers.

Mrs. A. P. Swineford entertained a number of her more intimate lady friends at cards and luncheon, yesterday afternoon, from 2 to 6.

The changes and repairs on the fire laddies hall and engine house have been completed.

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to be heard guilty of larceny, and Mr. Smith, with his proverbial kindness of heart, consented to the change, whereupon his honor accepted the plea of guilty, sentenced Mr. Irvin to sixty days board at the expense of his uncle Samuel.