

Wickes-Corbin Buys 25-Ton Flotation Mill



Site of the installation of the 25-ton mill recently purchased by the Wickes-Corbin Gold & Silver Mining company for its Clancy creek property near Jefferson City. This will be the third mill installation in the Wickes district within the past few months.

B. D. Van Horn, president of the Wickes-Corbin Gold and Silver Mining company, with home offices in the Joseph Vance building, Seattle, has completed the purchase of the modern 25-ton flotation plant, formerly operated by Fleming Brothers on their Clark Canyon mine near Argenta.

The deal was completed Friday and Mr. Van Horn made immediate arrangements for removing the complete plant to the Wickes-Corbin mine on Clancy creek near the old town of Gregory, 25 miles south of Helena, where the company, under the direction of President Van Horn has carried out a three-year development program, which has revealed a large tonnage of ore more than sufficient to justify the installation of the mill.

The removal and operation of the mill will be under the supervision of J. A. Stafine, experienced millman. It will be electrically powered from the power line extended to the mine over a year ago.

The Wickes-Corbin mine is located between the famous Gregory, second quartz lode discovery of the Helena district and the Minnesota, discovered by the late Moses Manuel, who was the original discoverer of the world famous Homestake in South Dakota.

The company expects to have the mill operating within a few weeks. The sale of the mill was consummated by John L. Parker of the Mining Trust, Helena.

REPORT ON NEIHART IS AVAILABLE

BUTTE—Dec. 14—Prediction that some of the mines of the Nelhart district, 65 miles southeast of Great Falls, may be developed to a depth of 1000 to 3500 feet below their present levels has been announced by Professor Paul Bureau of Mines and Geology. The Mines, geologist for the State Bureau of Mines and Geology. The Nelhart region is noted for having been one of the rich silver districts in Montana, having produced \$17,000,000 since its discovery by J. L. Nelhart and his associates in 1882.

Professor Schafer's announcement is the result of a careful study of the mines of the Nelhart district during the summers of 1933 and 1934. His investigations have been published just recently by the State Bureau of Mines under the title Memoir No. 13, "Geology and Ore Deposits of the Nelhart Mining District," and are now available for the public. The field work was supplemented by exhaustive laboratory examinations of ores from the district.

Some of the ore from the Nelhart mines was very rich, according to records mentioned in the report. One shipment of 20 tons from the Benton mine brought a return of \$26,000. The Moulton mine, from 1918 to 1923, produced about a million dollars each include the Big Seven, Benton, Queen of the Hills, Galt, and Florence. The Hartley totaled about three-quarters of a million.

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MINERS GET FIRST HAND INFORMATION REGARDING HELP FROM GOVERNMENT

Definite evidence that the mining industry has not been entirely forgotten in the new deal program was furnished at the meeting last Saturday of the Mining Association of Montana.

Of principal interest was a description of the operation of the R. F. C. loans to miners, given by August Grunert, supervising engineer for Montana. The complete text of Mr. Grunert's talk will be printed in the Journal issue of December 28.

In this week's issue the Journal is printing in full the paper of the Hon. Robert H. O'Brien, attorney for the registration division of the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington D. C., whose discussion of the securities act and its application to mining was one of the highlights of the convention.

The application of provisions of the Federal Housing Administrator to the mining industry discussed by Barclay Craighead, Montana director, developed the fact that going mines can borrow money for building additions to mills or camps providing the operator has good credit rating.

The meeting was enlivened by a talk by Jean J. Kelley, Montana investment commissioner, who had been quoted in the Helena papers on the eve of the convention as saying that if the capitalization of fake mining promotions during the last 22 years were so applied, it would support the unemployed of Montana for many years to come.

There was a tense situation and threats of heated resentment were heard before the meeting started. Mr. Kelly left the meeting immediately after his talk, but not until friendly discussion developed the fact that the figures had been some-

what garbled: that the figures used was the capitalization of the authorized companies with no evidence of the amount of stock that was actually sold.

Present at the meeting was Burt Brewster, publisher of the Mining & Contracting Review of Salt Lake. Reporting the Kelly speech, Mr. Brewster wrote:

"In defense of blue sky laws, investment regulations, but most important, an ambiguous statement credited to the Montana state Auditor's office, to the effect that \$47,537,000 in new mining stock issued in Montana have been a total loss, came J. B. Kelly of the auditor's office, who seemed bent upon convincing his audience that all crooks lived beyond the borders of Montana, ready to spring upon the state and devour it when it came to mining stocks. Strangely like the New Deal philosophy that the toothache is cured by beheading the patient, was his. Furthermore, the gentleman seemed imbued with the fact that shrieking and dramatic poses lead to conviction. His surveys of mining operations from an airplane was typical of the actual proximity to practical things attained by the

TICKER NEWS

U. S. stocks of zinc at end of November were 85,777 short tons against 115,852 tons at the end of November, 1934. November production, 37,694 tons against 26,701 in October and 34,977 in November, 1934. November shipments, 47,871 tons against 47,063 in Oct., and 29,928 in November, 1934.

average state or federal employee of today."

Some of the calmer heads of the association took the matter in hand and a resolution was voted endorsing the work of the commissioner in encouraging confidence in Montana mining by eliminating predatory and dishonest promoters. A committee was named to cooperate with the commissioner on behalf of the association, at Mr. Kelly's suggestion. President Carl Trauer named O. I. DeSchon, C. E. Teeter and George B. Conway as members of the committee.

Burt Brewster opposed a resolution thanking the administration for the consideration given the mining industry, but was overwhelmingly voted down. A comedian who rose after each paper to poke fun at the slow-moving governmental agencies was Brewster's only supporter in the vote. The comedian went to sleep during the afternoon session and fell off his chair, providing the necessary taste of humor to the session.

The sessions were perhaps the most interesting in the history of the association and were largely attended. A dinner at "Murderville" concluded the social activities.

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SMALL SCALE Placer Mining Methods by Chas. Jackson and John R. Knaebel, a booklet giving placer mining districts in Montana and Idaho, minerals associated with placer mining, placer gold and how to construct the proper equipment. 50c per copy. Supply Department, Montana Oil Journal.

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HAM AND EGGS MINE ANNOUNCES FIRST DIVIDEND

With dividends on Montana mining becoming more of a reality with each succeeding day, another mine announcing a dividend is the Ham and Eggs mine near Virginia City. The property is being operated under the direction of Al Clark, with J. G. Flanery, 308 16th St., Spokane, as business agent. It is less than a year since development work was first undertaken at the mine, according to the report.

MARIETTA MINE IS HANDLING 40 TONS

Three shifts are now employed by the Marietta Mining & Milling company with the mill handling approximately 40 tons daily. A station has been cut in the metallic ground adjoining the Marietta claims on the south and a hoist installed. It is believed that the ore shoot at this end of the property will add future tonnage to the mine. W. L. Bell, Alder, Mont., is manager.

VOSBERG ENLARGES

Vosburg Mining, operating its mill, recently enlarged near Winston, is grinding out \$500 per day steadily according to the management. Current rumors of dividends in the near future have been strengthened by the favorable financial position of the mine coupled with the recent explorations which have revealed two bodies of commercial ore, in addition to the present large reserves.

START MINING SURVEY

United States Bureau of Mines is starting a survey to learn employment and other statistics, the results of which will be announced within six months.

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Dayrock		65c	70c
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Hoea Mining		3 1/2	10 1/2
Independence Lead		3.50	3.50
Jack Waite		47 1/2	50
Metaline M & L		10 3/4	12
Montana Consolidated		13	14 1/2
Sherman Lead		30 1/2	35
Sunshine Mining		\$19.40	\$19.80
Standard Silver-Lead		43	50
Tamarack		12 1/2	14
Virginia City Gold		14 1/2	14 3/4
CURBS			
Bunker Hill		\$50	53.50
Callahan		31	36
Pend Oreille		22	31
Premier Gold		\$1.71	\$1.78
Sidney		7 1/2	10
OVER THE COUNTER			
Wash. Wtr. Power 6%		\$98	\$100
Mont. Power Pfd.		\$93	\$95

JACK POT MINES 15 TONS PER DAY

The Jack Pot Mining company, Ezra Allsop, Bozeman, president, is now employing 20 men at the mine near Norris. C. Beare is general manager. Daily production averages 15 tons. The company has reached a depth of 290 feet and is installing an electric hoist and adding facilities with which to sink another 100 feet where better lead and gold values are expected deeper in the sulphide zone.

FIFTY-TON MILL AT MELROSE IS READY

Frank Moore of Melrose has nearly completed a fifty ton mill on the Reed mine on Camp creek near Melrose. Moore and J. Bowdin of Helena, who own the property jointly, plan to put thru a few tons from a recently uncovered high-grade vein on claims adjacent to the mill site expanding into larger low-grade operations next year.

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