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Our Mining Camp.

Its Growth—Adjoining Villages—Rustle—Alpine Andersonville.

BUSINESS REPRESENTED AT THE
PRESENT TIME AND PARTIES
ENGAGED THEREIN.

RUSTLE.

This little hamlet is located in Maiden gulch, midway between the Collar mine and the town of Maiden. At this point the gulch widens out from a narrow pass through the mountains to a level, fertile valley, embodying some eighty acres of available land for building purposes, giving the town plenty of room to spread, and making a beautiful site for a goodly sized village. There are now built and occupied as residents or business houses, eight or ten good, substantial buildings. Smith & Cadwell, have a good saloon and a first-class stock of goods; McDonald & Williams keep a restaurant and sample room, and a few steps up the street the well known Prof. W. M. Wyman's residence and place of business is reached. The "Prof." is known throughout the U. S. and Canada as one of the best ventriloquists and ledgerdmain experts and one wanting to spend a pleasant hour and be most enjoyably entertained, will do well to stop on their way through town and have a chat with him. From Rustle we pass through Cambric gulch, and a walk of fifteen minutes brings us to the town of

MAIDEN.

The first building erected on the present town site, was in June, 1881, and constructed of logs cut from the surrounding mountains. In the spring of '82, more or less excitement, caused by rich finds of mineral in this vicinity, gave the town a good start, and lumber now being available, (B. Dexter having started a saw mill at Andersonville in '81,) several frame buildings were put up in rapid succession, and a diversity of business houses opened to supply the demand for the various necessities of life. Some of these structures, were, of necessity, cheaply and quickly constructed, but owners have been constantly adding improvements to their property until now, a majority of the business houses have lost their primitive, frontier look, and will compare favorably with buildings in towns greater in size and many years its senior.

BUILDINGS.

At the present time there are 134 buildings completed and mostly occupied. Of this number 70 are frame resident structures; 16 business houses, 48 log buildings; and of the 20 in course of erection 9 are frame and 11 log buildings, making a total of 154 now in the camp. This bear in mind, is only the building in Maiden proper, and does not include the buildings and resident at the Montana mine, nor the mining shacks that dot the surrounding mountains.

BUSINESS HOUSES AND FIRMS.

Beginning at the head of main street, as we enter the town from Cambric gulch, the first business house of importance is that of C. L. Eaton. A large stock of clothing, hats and caps, canned goods, dry goods, &c., is kept constantly on hand, and the house is doing a deservedly good business. Just across Main street from the above house is the business establishment of Hamilton & Wetherall, who carry a good and well selected stock of wines, liquors and cigars. Bailey & O'Brien, two doors down the street, have a good restaurant, and cater to the wants of their customers to the satisfaction of all. They have in connection a fine sample room, also a good livery stable where guests can procure a good rig of any description. The next business house coming down town, is the

Maiden Drug Store, Dr. J. W. Rawn, proprietor. The doctor carries a well selected line of goods, enjoys a good trade, and as a physician, has the confidence and patronage of all who may require medical attention. Next door to the drug store is the Monarch Billiard Hall, the property of Willard Dunton. Here can be found as fine a Monarch billiard table as is to be found in the territory, as well as a pool table of the same make. The house enjoys a good trade, and carries nothing but A No. 1 goods. Across the street is the jewelry store of W. H. Bailey. Mr. B. is an old timer in the territory, having been here over eighteen years, and is a thoroughly competent man in his line. Opposite the jeweler's is the neat little barber shop of Billy Jenkins, where all the branches of the tonsorial art are daily executed by the genial proprietor. Good bath rooms in connection. Across the street we find S. G. Sharpless, also a manipulator of the comb, brush and "razor," and keeps also all the latest newspapers, monthlies, periodicals, &c. on sale at his news depot. Next door to the news depot J. Washburn & Co. have a fine sample room, with a club room in the rear, and take pride in the quality of goods that they handle. The boys are enjoying a liberal support. Crossing the street once more to the north side, we find J. Mason & Co., installed in a fine large hall, and two good billiard and pool tables for the lovers of the game to gratify their desire to try their skill. This firm carry a nice line of goods and deserve their share of patronage. Down the street two doors, we find the City Bakery, Vicent Gies, proprietor. Good bread, pies, cakes, etc., are here the rule and not the exception. Vicent speaks encouragingly of his prospects, and judging from the air that his lunch counter is having, we are confident he is enjoying a good return for his investment. The next business house on the north side of the street is that of Louis Landt, wholesale and retail liquor dealer. Mr. Landt aims to carry none but the best in his line and is working up a neat business. He has been engaged in the liquor trade ten years and knows every detail of the business. C. Boissonneault, opposite the post-office, has just completed a large structure, wherein he proposes to carry on a general merchandise business. A small portion of his stock has arrived from the markets, when all here he will have as fine a selection as can be seen in the territory. In the P. O. building we find the wholesale and retail firm of Brainerd, Gardner & Co., dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, &c. The stock is complete and the house is doing a large and constantly growing business. At the foot of Main street, on the south side, the establishment of Landusky & Hamilton is located. This place is always found to be among the best, carrying a fine stock, and providing amusement for all that give them a call. Every evening its patrons are greeted with the sweet strains of music that Chas. Ball has proven himself so competent to produce on his violin. The firm are enjoying a good trade. The livery stable of Landusky & Eaton in the rear of the post-office, have a good selection of horses and vehicles, and supply customers at very reasonable rates. Turning the corner eastward a few doors the establishment of J. C. Johnson, is reached. J. C. is a fine old gentleman, understands his business and has a neat little custom. Returning to Main street, next door to the Pacific house we find the firm of C. L. Stammer & Co. This establishment carries a fine line of liquors, cigars, etc., and are every attentive to the wants of their customers. Dan Kuhnenn, the genial host of the Pacific House, at the foot of Main street, knows how to run a hotel to give general satisfaction. He always sets a good table, and none need want that partakes at his board. J. H. Snell is the clerk in charge and does a great deal towards the popularity of the house. Maiden meat market, located opposite the foot of main street, is the property of B. Trainor. Meat, butter, poultry, cheese, etc., are always to be had at this market, and at reasonable prices. Mr. Trainor gives the best of satisfaction as a butcher. He delivers orders to customers and does a large and justly merited business. Louis Belanger, on north Montana street, does a large wholesale and retail general merchandise business; he carries a complete stock of everything in his line, and takes pleasure in waiting on his many customers; he is expecting a large invoice of goods from Chicago in a few days, and when received will be stocked for the winter. In connection with the store, Mr. B. has two fine stone store-houses filled to overflowing with all kinds of goods. One block north from the foot of main on Montana street, is the lodging house of C. F. Schaffer, containing eight rooms, furnished with nice beds, etc., where the weary can find rest after a day's journey through the mountains.

Two doors north of the lodging house, Peterson & Jensen, have a saloon, where a good brand of liquors and cigars can be found at all times. On the opposite side of the street Saunders livery stable is located, where a saddle horse or double rig can be had on short notice. The "Maiden blacksmith" is no other than A. G. McGuire. His shop is on north Montana street, and although business is a little quiet in that line at the present time, when the work is to be done, the "Maiden blacksmith" can "get there." James E. Millikin and T. B. Martin are the principal contractors and builders, and are kept busily engaged building and repairing. J. E. Wasson and T. M. Trudell are the two expounders of the law. Mr. F. M. Munn wields the paint brush and is considered a first-class artist in all branches of the business. Charles Drosch, the shoemaker, has the field to himself, does good work, and deserves the patronage of all.

Considering the fact that the camp is but two years old, that it never had a boom, caused by the advent of a railroad or other artificial means, (that after the temporary excitement is over leaves the place almost dead), that we are over 100 miles from our nearest railroad point, and nearly 100 from the Missouri river, the two means of ingress into the territory, that up to the present time but little was known of this place or even of the Warm Springs mining district, and that but a small amount of capital has been invested here compared to what the field warrants, it certainly has enjoyed a remarkable growth, and the above showing speaks well for the place, but is only a beginning in comparison to what our camp will be when capital is put to work to develop the vast mineral resources that surround us on all sides.

Owing to the lack of space the remainder of this article will appear in our next issue.

C. BOISSONNEAULT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
**Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, Staple and Fancy
Groceries, Furnishing Goods,**
CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, JEWELRY, FANCY ARTICLES, NUTS, CANDY AND FRUIT IN SEASON.

FAUGH-A-BALLOUGH.

KROLL'S COMIQUE!

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**WYMAN
Combination.**

Entire Change of Program:

Nell Connors,

Phonograph Artist, in his Happy Old Couple, in which he will sing in two distinct voices, "I am getting a big boy now," "Cathy is always dry," "Simon, Simon, Simon," "Pettifogger, A. C. S. S. of law."

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Of the Past and Future.

NEIL CONNORS' original Irish Comedy, "Jane and O'Halligan in search of a place."

WYMAN'S "Vault of the Living and Dead." Meritism brought to light.

Nell Connors in his original portrayal of Southern Negro, Old Uncle Rem.

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