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MINING.

Stocks.
BOSTON, February 24, 1896
Algonquin..... 20
Arnold..... 25
Atlantic..... 20
Butte & Boston..... 25
Butte & Hecla..... 30
Centennial..... 30
Copper Falls..... 15
Franklin..... 15
Hess..... 15
Hess & Sons..... 15
National..... 27 50
Oscoda..... 15
Quincy..... 15
Quincy & Sons..... 15
Santa Fe..... 15
Tamarack..... 15
Tamarack & Sons..... 15
Tamarack Junior..... 15
Tamarack & Sons..... 15
Wolverine..... 15

Our Boston Letter.

Boston, Mass., February 24, 1896.
The copper market appears to be recovering from its late period of depression. Lake ingot is held strong at 10 1/2 cents and a sale at 11 cents is said to have been made in New York last week, although the amount, date of delivery and other particulars were not mentioned. The consumptive demand is reported large and increasing, both for domestic and foreign account; at home because of the revival in general business and the wider uses for copper in the electrical field; abroad because of these factors and also the war preparations which are going on all the time in European countries. At 11 cents per pound for Lake copper, nearly all of the producing mines can make a fair profit, while some of the mines at this figure can pay large dividends. Producers express a hopeful view of the situation and look forward to an increasing business during the spring and summer months.
The street generally is heartily inclined on Butte & Boston stock since the revelations recently made, although only semi-officially. A story has been circulated that the insiders' plan for the disposal of the Davis stock, consisting of 90,000 shares, included the defaulting of the interest on the \$2,500,000 bonds and the foreclosure of the mortgage, taking the property for the bonds and wiping out the stock altogether. This plan would be unworthy, of the management of the Butte & Boston mine, but would not lack originality, it having been tried in a number of instances with great success, so far as the insiders were concerned. As remarked in a Boston paper a few days ago, "if the management of the Butte & Boston mine would publish regular monthly statements and a detailed annual report, the insiders might not make quite so much money, but the stockholders would lose less."
The Butte business has "quered" other copper mining stocks to no small extent, especially those under the same management as the Butte & Boston mine, and prices, as a rule, have sagged under a pressure of long stock. On the other hand, there has been a good demand for some of the gold mining shares, which have been strong at higher prices.
Pioneer, particularly, has been in good request and has advanced from 4 to 6 1/2 (par \$10). This company makes regular monthly reports of its product, receipts and expenditures, and is fast becoming a favorite with investors. During the past four months the Pioneer, with its old stamp mill of twenty heads, has accumulated a surplus of \$20,000. Of this amount some \$5,000 has been appropriated to purchase an air compressor and the company recently sold \$18,000 gold at a premium of 50-100 per cent to a local bank which had subscribed for the new government bonds. The company has an additional stamping plant of forty heads under construction, which will increase the receipts three-fold, while the cost of running the same will not be much more than at present. The third and fourth tunnels are encountering some very good paying ground and are expected to strike the rich vein within a couple of months. The existence of this vein has been proven, by a diamond drill, to a depth of 500 feet and carries ore averaging from \$80 to \$100 per ton, which compares with \$8 per ton for the ore which is now being taken out of the tunnels.
BEAN EATER.

GENESIS OF A SONG.

HOW "IN THE SWEET BY AND BY" CAME TO BE WRITTEN.

The Author Tells an Interesting Story of Its Composition—Within an Hour After the Idea Came Four Gentlemen Were Singing the Song.
In Richmond, a little town of less than 1,000 inhabitants, almost on the southern boundary line of Illinois, lives the author of "In the Sweet By and By." He is a practicing physician and is under 60 years of age. The immortal hymn was written when he was only 31 and the single song of his life.
During the civil war a wave of moral elevation and intellectual activity passed over the country. In this grand awakening of the conscience there was a flood of music—martial, religious, domestic. George F. Root and Stephen J. Foster were both writing songs that lived, and Sunday school hymns passed out of the drizzling period into one of elevated simplicity.
Just at this time Samuel Fillmore Bennett was graduated from Ann Arbor, Mich., and began a newspaper career at Elkhorn, Wis., on The Independent. J. P. Webster, the musical composer, was living in the same town, and it was only a few months before the editor and the musician were collaborating. The war intervened, and Lieutenant Bennett of the Fortieth Wisconsin volunteers returned to Elkhorn to open a drug store and resume his verse writing. He and Mrs. Webster began in 1867 to work on a Sunday school song-book, called "The Signet Ring," which was afterward published.
This period of his life is the most precious of all his experiences to Dr. Bennett. Not long ago he told the whole story to an interested group of listeners, his eyes filling with tears as he vindicated his friend from calumnies:
"Currents have been given to the shameful story that Mr. Webster was drunk when he wrote the music, and another account has it that we were both drunk. I am thankful to do justice to one of the noblest men that ever lived—a fine, sensitive soul, with the true artistic feeling. Again, it has been said that we were both infidels, and the song the ribald jest of a carouse. As to my religion, that is my own affair, but the hope and longing of every immortal soul as expressed in that song were the faith of both of us. To both creation would have seemed a farce if infinite love and immortality had not overshadowed us and promised a life of bliss beyond the grave.
"Mr. Webster, like many musicians, was of an exceedingly nervous and sensitive nature, and subject to fits of depression. I knew his peculiarities well, and when I found him given up to blue devils, I just gave him a cheerful song to work on. One morning he came into the store and walked to the stove without speaking.
"What's up now, Webster?" I asked.
"It's no matter. It will be all right by and by."
"The idea of the hymn came to me like a dash of sunshine—"The Sweet By and By." Everything will be all right then. "Why wouldn't that make a good hymn?"
"Maybe it would," he replied gloomily. Turning to the desk, I wrote as rapidly as I could. In less than half an hour, I think, the song as it stands today was written. Here it is:
"There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there."
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore—
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We shall meet on that beautiful shore.
We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall never more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest."
To our beautiful Father above
We will offer the tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of his love
And the blessings that hallow our days."
In the meantime two friends, N. H. Carwell and S. E. Bright, had come in. I handed the verses to Mr. Webster, a little tremulous with emotion. As he read it his eyes kindled. Stepping to the desk, he began to jot down the notes. He picked up his violin and tried them. In ten minutes we four gentlemen were singing that song. Mr. R. R. Crosby came in, and with tears in his eyes said, "Gentlemen, that hymn is immortal." We were all excited, elated. Within two weeks the children of the town were singing it on the streets.
"In 1868 'The Signet Ring' was published, the published distributing circular to advertise it and on the sheets was 'The Sweet By and By.' On the strength of that one song nearly 250,000 copies of the book were sold. The song was afterward brought out in sheet music, and it has been translated into a number of foreign languages.
"Webster, Crosby and Carwell are all dead. S. E. Bright of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and myself are the only living witnesses to the origin of the song."
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