

In placing another Journal before the public at this time, we are well aware that it is a very delicate undertaking to endeavor to conciliate the good will of all. But by untiring and unceasing efforts in behalf of the Weiser in particular, we hope to gain the patronage of one and all.

THEN AND NOW.

BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIRE. The Conflagration was Our Turning Point. Improvements of the Season.

From the history of many towns in the Northwest, it would seem that a good big fire was necessary to the growth of every town, and Weiser has been no exception to the rule.

The fire of last May was the turning point in the history of the town. But for the fire we would have still been pursuing the same humdrum life and occupied the same rambling old wooden buildings that for years had been the landmarks of the place.

No life, no advancement, no nothing, except the projected new court house, was the state of affairs before the fire swept \$50,000 worth of tumble-down frame stores, barns, etc. out of existence.

Up to the present time Messrs. Albert Kleinschmidt and Samuel Hauser, of Helena, Mont., have expended \$175,000 in developing their properties. There are nine patented claims in the camp. The Old Peacock, White Monument, Blue Jacket, Copper Crescent, Mountain Queen, Legal Tender, Helena, Calumet and Norma.

The resources of this camp will make it one of the grandest mining operations ever started in the Western country. Even the Anaconda mines have no such ore as is found here.

When W. A. Clark, of Montana, contracted to deliver to the French syndicate 50,000,000 pounds of copper he first bonded all the mines he could in the Seven Devils district. There are in all 125 locations in the camp, yet territory sufficient to locate 1,000 more good properties.

The district is rapidly coming into prominence. Railroad engineers and scientific men have visited the ground and all were highly pleased with the outlook, and inquiries are daily pouring in in regard to this great copper district.

Heretofore, lack of transportation and inaccessibility has prevented the opening of this wonderful camp. As its name implies, it is a veritable howling wilderness.

It would seem as if it had been so created that man was to be forever barred from robbing it of its vast mineral wealth, and its seclusion has provided but little knowledge of its hidden treasures. The reason that the mines have not been worked was the difficulty of getting in and out of the district.

But with the construction of the railroad, which will be from the mines to Snake river and which will run in connection with a 300 ton steamer already constructed at a cost of \$35,000 by Portland people, it is only a short time before the world will stand aghast at the immense output of the Seven Devils district.

Tunnels, shafts and cuts innumerable have been run on the Old Peacock until it is thoroughly developed and only better transportation facilities are necessary to make it the greatest copper, gold and silver producer in the world.

The Alaska group consists of the Alaska, Mountain King, Maud S.,

IN THE SEVEN DEVILS!

A Wild Mining District of Wonderful Wealth.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE MINES.

Information That Will Interest Hundreds Who Have Heard of the District.

Mark W. Musgrove, of Bathrum, Idaho, who lately made an extended trip through the Seven Devils, has a two-column article in regard to that camp in the Spokane Review, from which we take the following extracts:

Nearly twenty-five years ago Levi Allen, a well-known Idaho prospector, penetrated the hitherto unknown section now known as the Seven Devils, which is, at this time, one of the most promising new and undeveloped copper, gold and silver mining regions in the world. This district is in the northern part of Washington county, Idaho, and about 100 miles north of Weiser, on the Union Pacific railroad, about ninety-five miles east of Baker City, Or., and a little less than 100 miles south of Lewiston, Idaho.

There is a good wagon road from Weiser to the dump of the Old Peacock mine, and by this road it is twenty-five miles from Weiser to the post-office at Ed. Fletcher's in Middle valley; ten miles to Salubria, twenty-five miles to Mosier's, nine miles to Hanson's, two miles to Elliott's, four miles to Peck's, eight miles to Clifton's, four miles to Bear creek, six miles to Huntley's, and ten miles to the town of Helena, a new town in the Seven Devils mining district, by a No. 1 wagon road built under the personal supervision of John C. Rogers, manager of the American Mining Company.

The River Queen, one-fourth of a mile from Snake river, is nearly identical with the White Monument ore and is likely to merge into silver with some gold. It carries its own flux and can be worked like matte, and is in every respect as pure and good as Lake Superior.

The Copper Key was recently sold to Boston people; consideration \$20,000. The townsite of Helena contains only about twenty acres, as more level ground can not be secured owing to the uneven and rugged character of the country.

There is a stream of delicious mountain spring water running through the town-site sufficient to supply all demands. A post-office has been established, and the postmaster, Mr. Fuchs, is now building a two-story store and post-office to be occupied immediately.

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Cleveland, Arkansas and Dora. The pay streak in the Alaska is 5 feet wide and averages 40 per cent. copper, 30 ounces in silver and \$20 gold per ton.

About 10 tons of rich ore are on the dump at the Arkansas and a 60 foot tunnel in ore all the way. This property is owned by the Idaho Copper Company.

Three hundred tons of high grade ore have been shipped from the Mountain Queen this season. The Lockwood group, consists of the Lockwood, Lookout, and Pomeroy. The Dora is the property of Mrs. John C. Rogers, the ore being very high grade and many choice specimens of rich copper ore showing free gold.

The handsomest specimens found in the camp have been taken from the White Monument. This property is a marvel within itself. Many very rich and exceedingly handsome specimens of copper ore bound together by wires of gold have been taken out, and all the ore goes high in gold. A tunnel has been run 100 feet on the vein and 500 sacks of ore were shipped last year. This season 600 sacks of 50 per cent. copper ore were shipped.

The Blue Jacket has a shaft down 145 feet, the deepest in the district, and the pay streak in the vein is from four to eight feet wide of almost pure copper.

The Helena is another great property. It has 100 tons of ore on the dump and is developed by several tunnels and open cuts. One tunnel is in 100 feet and shows a well defined 8-foot vein all the way of 45 per cent. copper ore.

The South Peacock is owned by a Boston syndicate and shows a large well defined vein of high grade copper ore showing much free gold. This property is held at \$100,000. A shaft is down fifty-two feet, and shows a vein of unknown width, the latter not having been cross-cut as yet.

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MINERAL MURMURINGS.

The Camp Still in the Ring an Interesting Letter From one of Our Correspondents in that Camp.

Among the busy world, not much is known of our quiet little mining camp. Mineral, nevertheless it is well named, for it is in fact a camp of mineral in a true sense, and not a low-grade camp by any means. The ledges are large and well defined and easily developed, as the past years developments have satisfactorily proved, as the ledges go down and increase in value and richness by depth, the ore being higher grade in the lowest workings, and next year will prove that mineral is far better than has ever been reported to be.

The Maria Mining Company, are working day and night with good results. They are taking out plenty of high grade ore, and keep the smelter in full blast.

Mr. Logan and Major Houston, were down from Boise City last week, and made the boys happy again, by paying them for the month's run. The Maria Company always pays promptly, and may success attend him on every side.

The Silver Belle, is working right along with the best of results, and is taking out very fine ore. The Belle is good property and very easily worked, and is a fine paying property.

The owners of the Black Hawk, are taking out high grade ore for reduction at the smelter, and they also have a fine mine improving all the time, as the developing goes on.

The Black Maria Company have furnished the principal part of the ore this season for the smelter, the Silver Belle and Black Hawk, have furnished some also, and all have been successful.

Mr. W. H. Speak, of the Egan Mining Company, have been doing some work on their property which shows up well in all their working. It is only too bad that such property should lay idle, when it could be paying a dividend to its owners.

There is several other good mines that have been worked this summer, all showing up well. The Carson and Enterprise both show up well, and work is going on at present on the Enterprise. The Jeff Davis, is also showing up fine.

The boys are all about through with their assessment work for this year. All of the mines have been pretty well represented, and we hope all the boys that have stayed with the camp and bore the hardships, may be well rewarded in the near future.

The smelter is running at full blast day and night, under the supervision of Mr. Lang, and has been a success under the never tiring energy of Mr. Lang, who deserves credit for his success, and may it continue to run and prove a Bonanza to its owners, is the wish of all.

There has been over two thousand tons of ore worked through the smelter this season, which at a low estimate would foot up close to one hundred thousand ounces of silver.

About one thousand cords of wood have been hauled from the mountain this season, besides mining timbers.

Mr. Lang has made an improvement at his smelter by building an assaying office, which for beauty and convenience would be hard to excel.

Mr. Thomas Maning also has an assaying office at his feed stable, in Mineral. Any one wishing to test their ore, would do well to give him a call.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, are running a restaurant where the best of meals can be had. Their table abounds with all the market affords.

Hush Brothers are running a beef market in connection with their store. Where the choicest beef, pork, and sausage, can be obtained.

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We have a tri-weekly mail to Huntington, Oregon, the stage leaves Huntington, on Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's it is run by B. H. Teed, who is always on time and is an accommodating gentleman, and pleasant to travel with. If you come to Mineral, be sure and ride with him.

There has been considerable sickness here this fall, in the form of bad colds or La Grippe, or something of that nature.

The advance agent of winter has posted her bill on the old Iron Mountain in the form of the beautiful snow which tells us we will soon be cut off from the busy world, only by stage connection to Huntington, which will be run all winter if possible.

So awaiting the first SIGNAL and wishing it success, and long may it wave and bear its tidings on untiring wings to the four quarters of the Globe, is the wish of your humble servant. More Anon. OBSERVER.

W. S. L. A.

Knowing the desire of the people of Weiser to improve their town in every possible way; believing that they recognise the important place a good school occupies in this enterprise, and confident that they are willing to second the efforts we are making toward that end we make bold to ask assistance for the school library. The library is now fairly started, we shall soon be getting the books which our fairly won \$50.00 enables us. But they will not alone make such a library as we want to have. We want many more books. You can help us, and that in no outlay to yourself. Few families are so poor as to own no books, after a book has been read its chief use is for reference or to lend. Now most books are not of much use as books of reference, and we can send them to a much better advantage than you can. Give us your books, all the books you can spare, you will never feel the loss and it will make us rich. Send us your list, and we will come and get them.

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