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It is to be hoped that every delegate appointed by Governor Chamberlain to the American Mining Congress at Deadwood-Lead will attend the meeting. Questions will arise which vitally concern every mine owner and operator in the county and Eastern Oregon, one of the greatest gold fields in the world, should be well represented.

As a safe and profitable investment the mining industry offers a better field today than any other. There is more or less chance in every business. But the man who has a good mining proposition encounters less chance, less liability of failure than any other that can be named. He has little to fear from fluctuations of the market, there is a sure and steady demand for his product and no fear of over-production or panics. Improved machinery and scientific knowledge have placed the industry on a basis precluding uncertainty, and the element of competition does not enter into it.

A great many people are of the opinion that the average man who invests in mining stock is a sucker, pure and simple. It is perhaps true that fake mining propositions have caught as many or more suckers as any other fake scheme, but it does not appear that the class of investors who have visited the Sumpter district this summer and invested their money bear the remotest resemblance to the individual known as a sucker. In the first place, acting on business principles, they have come here and made a thorough investigation themselves, and in the next, many of them, fearing to trust their own judgment, have brought with them experienced mining men and engineers on whose judgment they could rely. This plan of procedure is not only the proper one and satisfactory to both the operator and the investor, but it is a vast help to the district in general. These people go back with good reports, they advertise it to their friends, who also in turn will become interested.

Speaking of the coming meeting of the American Mining Congress, the Mining World says: "The greatest gathering of mining men ever assembled in the western country will convene in the twin cities of Deadwood and Lead September 7, 1903, and continue in session thereafter the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. During the stay of the delegates and their friends, attending this important meeting of the American Mining Congress, every effort will be made by the citizens of the Twin Cities and the state of South Dakota to make their visit one of both profit and pleasure. Many magnificent features of entertainment have been provided for, among them excursions over grand scenic routes. A visit to the celebrated Homestake mine, where an opportunity will be given those who desire to avail themselves of it to inspect its workings from grass roots to and through all its levels, cuts, stopes and mills. Then there will be a trip to the Battle Moun-

tain hot springs—the spot where the United States government, after a most rigid test of its climate and healthful waters, located a sanitarium for disabled soldiers, and congress appropriated over half a million dollars for its construction and when finished will be the most complete institution of the kind in the world. A short drive brings you to the famous wind cave, the only underground national park which the United States has in its collection of pleasure grounds for the people, the most fascinatingly wonderful natural curiosity in the world. This wonderful cave, and Sylvan lake, another excursion in store for delegates attending this coming session of the American Mining Congress. Besides the many attractions in and surrounding this great gold mining center, the program as prepared by the program committee is one of rare interest to everyone at all interested in mining. Visitors will be well repaid for attending the next meeting of the American Mining Congress."

## MINING CONGRESS.

### Aims of Meeting Set Forth by Secretary Mahon.

The sixth annual session of the American Mining Congress will convene in the cities of Deadwood and Lead, September 7, 1903, and continue thereafter the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th.

The American Mining Congress is a permanent and representative organization embracing not only those engaged in mining and treating metals of all kinds, but also those interested in every allied industry.

The mission of the organization is a thorough business campaign of education, and to this end the effort is made to bring together all classes of people interested in mining, or who desire reliable information relating to this important industry. It aims to do for the mining industry of all America what the agricultural department at Washington has done for agriculture; the commercial museum of Philadelphia for commerce and trade; the Southern Industrial association for progress of southern advancement; and what the manufacturing interests of the country now propose to do for manufacture in the establishment of a permanent exhibition in the city of New York of all American manufactured goods.

At the coming session it is believed that we will be honored by the chief executive of every state and territory in the American union, and the most distinguished men of the nation.

The assembly will be a most important and interesting one, and you are most cordially invited to be present.

Any further information desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to IRWIN MAHON, Sec. the American Mining Congress.

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## NEARING VEIN.

### Cut Rich Stringer at Gladstone Last Week.

W. H. Mead, superintendent of the Gladstone, near Bonanza, states that his crosscut tunnel is now in 355 feet and that indications point to the near approach to the vein. Last week a parallel stringer, eighteen inches wide and carrying good values, was cut just as the contract was completed. Mr. Mead has let another contract and expects to encounter the ledge within twenty or twenty-five feet.

The ore is very similar in character to that of the Bonanza, and Mr. Mead thinks beyond question the property has this lead.

### JOE MILLER, MINER AND MIXER.

#### How the Expert Described a Recent Strike in the District.

Joe Miller, who works the day shift at the Club, aside from his accomplishments as a high class mixer of temperance beverages, is perhaps one of the most celebrated mining experts in the district. Sometimes, however, it would seem that in describing a property he gets his terms a little mixed with other ingredients, but he usually arrives with the goods. Here is the way he discoursed to an audience lined up against the mahogany concerning a recent strike:

"Have you heard of the strike made a few days ago at the Wild Cat Consolidated? No? Well, gentlemen, it is the most celebrated which has ever been made in the district, and no mistake. I am reliably informed that a body of ore was encountered on the 15,000 foot level while an upraise was being sunk to the vanners, which showed some of the most remarkable values ever heard of. The rock is a conglomeration of rhyolite, condatite, isarealite, and you may not credit it, but I am told that there was alfalfa creeping out at the crevices. The assay values go high in pyrites of hope, and the company seriously expects within the next few shots to break into the epiglottis on the east wall of the lumbar vertebrae. It's a great mine, fellow citizens."

#### Visit Golconda.

Judge Robert Eakin, of Union, of the circuit court of this district, accompanied by Mrs. Eakin and son, left for home today after spending several days here. In company with Otto Herlocker, general manager of the Highland, they visited the Golconda while here. Judge Eakin is prominently mentioned as a candidate for state supreme judge.

#### General Stewart Returns East.

General H. L. Stewart, of New York, vice president of the Killen Warner Stewart company, left Sunday for the Yellowstone Park, where he will meet Charles Sieg, director in the company, and after spending some time there will return to New York.

### Gun Club Gold Medal.

Dr. Edwards has received a handsome gold medal, to be shot for by the Sumpter Rod and Gun Club. The first contest will be held Sunday, the trophy going to the member scoring the highest. The winner retains the prize, however, only in the event he is not bested in the shoots from week to week during the season. Betting on the first winner is about even between Dan Jaeger and Tom Gray.

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