

## THE COEUR D'ALENE MINES.

THERE is now no question about the richness of the Coeur d'Alene mines, both in placer deposits and quartz ledges bearing gold and silver. Yet the fact still remains true that in January and February, at the time the boomers were spreading far and wide stories of its wonderful richness and of great finds being made daily, there was not a claim being worked in the camp, nor one that had been previously worked to any considerable extent. The ground was covered with snow, and hundreds of deluded "pilgrims" were induced by these false statements to crowd into the mines at a season when nothing whatever could be done, and when the cost of living was enormous. Much financial and physical distress was the result. The fact that the diggings have proved to be good is no justification for the willful misrepresentation indulged in by these unscrupulous boomers, some of whom are unworthy journalists, for the sole purpose of inducing people to flock to the mines, hoping in the temporary business liveliness thus abnormally produced they might gather a few dollars. Such mendacity cannot be too strongly condemned. That, however, is past. The camp is a good one, though not quite so gilt-edged as was represented. Even such being the case, there is nothing to justify a man who has a good business or situation in leaving it to seek the mines, unless he has something special in view. Easily worked placer claims are hard to find, and the old gravel channels lying higher up are beyond the reach of water. There is little for a new man to do but to prospect for quartz, and the experience in all mining camps is that not one in a hundred of quartz locations is developed into a mine. Some very rich free gold quartz has been discovered, and the "tenderfoot" has been as lucky in that respect as the old prospector, yet it is of these exceptional cases of which the newspapers speak in such glowing terms, while ignoring the crowd of unsuccessful and disappointed ones. Capital will find good investments in Coeur d'Alene ledges beyond a doubt, and one or more prosperous camps will grow up there; yet it is none the less true that the poor man who has thoughts of trying his luck in the diggings had better abandon them and stick to his present occupation.

## BIG RUSH BOTTOM, LEWIS COUNTY, W. T.

MR. A. W. JOERK, of Fishland, called on us last Tuesday and gave us some items in regard to the Big Rush Bottom, of which so much has been said. We asked Mr. Joerk how far he lived from Tilden, and he replied: "We do not go by miles up there, but by hours. It takes about eighteen hours, or two days' travel, to go from Tilden to where I live. There is no road, only a trail, and that too thick with brush for a horse to go through. A person must make his way by crawling through thickets. I went into the Big Bottom a year ago and took up a claim. There were nine of us started in, but I was the only one that had the "sand" to stay. The bottom is very rich land, and has no large timber on it, vine maple and alder being the principal growth in the timber line. There is one portion of the Bottom that is at least eight miles one way and twenty miles the other. Five years from now the land will be worth at least \$20 an acre. Parties dislike to settle in there owing to the fact that there is no road from Tilden Valley on, thus making it very hard to get in and out. Fish are plentiful in the streams, and finer mountain trout cannot be found. Game is also plentiful, and no one need go without wild meat." Mr. Joerk says that it would be a good idea for the county to cut a trail into the Bottom, which he calls Fishland, owing to the large number of fish in

the streams. He thinks that the best route for the trail is across the ridge between the Cowlitz and Tilden rivers, near a place called Cranberry, and go down the Tilden River from the cranberry swamps to Lovell's.—Nugget.

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

## May.

- 1—Announcement of failure of James Keene.
- 2—Extensive forest fires in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia; Brisbin, Pa., burned, loss over \$1,000,000.
- 4—Steamer *Romano* sunk in Atlantic by collision with steamer *Nevada*; crew and passengers saved.
- 5—French brig *Senorine* sunk by the ice off Banks of Newfoundland; 62 lives lost.
- 6—Marine National Bank of New York and firm of Grant, Ward & Co. suspended.... Cyclone at Rock Island and Davenport.... Railroad collision near Chicago; 2 killed and many injured.
- 7—Train thrown from track near Decatur, Ill.; 3 killed and 30 wounded.... News received of collision in Atlantic between steamer *State of Florida* and bark *Pomona* April 18; 135 lost and 47 saved.
- 8—Hon. Judah P. Benjamin died in Paris.
- 10—Statue of Chief Justice Marshall unveiled at Washington.
- 12—Death of Cyrus H. McCormack and Hon. Charles O'Connor.
- 13—Alaska Territorial Bill passed the House.... News received of signing of treaty in Annam between China and France.
- 14—Collision on Baltimore & Ohio road near Collinsville, Pa.; 15 killed or burned to death and 12 wounded.... Great panic in Wall street; several banks and brokers suspended.... Benjamin F. Butler nominated for President by Anti-Monopolist Convention in Chicago.
- 17—Acid works at Yale, B. C., exploded and burned; 1 killed and 5 wounded; loss \$75,000.
- 19—Clarendon Hotel, Portland, burned; loss \$30,000.
- 22—Earthquake at Cyzicus, Asia Minor; 20 killed and much damage done.
- 24—Atlantic Refinery Company's oil works at Philadelphia burned; loss \$500,000.
- 28—Brig *Confederate* wrecked in ice off Newfoundland; 79 on board drifted out to sea.
- 29—Nomination of Benjamin F. Butler endorsed by National Greenback Convention at Indianapolis.... Fire corner First and Yamhill streets, Portland; loss \$40,000.
- 30—Large warehouse in Baltimore fell in, killing several people.... Dynamite explosion in Scotland Yard, London; several injured.... Memorial, or Decoration, Day observed throughout the United States.
- 31—Cloud burst in Colorado drowned 11 people; another near Visalia, Cal., drowned 5 persons, and another in Texas did much damage.

## PRACTICING A FRAUD.

For some time Mr. J. B. Garrison, who has a large sewing machine store at No. 107 Third street, has been annoyed and injured by the fraudulent representations of certain peripatetic sewing machine agents, who have been taking advantage of the great reputation of Mr. Garrison's store by claiming to represent him in selling their machines. "Agents" of this character have been operating in various parts of the country, and it comes back to the store so frequently that Mr. Garrison wants the public to distinctly understand that he sends out no canvassers. Should it ever become necessary for him to put out agents he will supply them with an autograph letter certifying to their authority to act for him. If any of these agents make a pretense of selling for Mr. Garrison, or doing repairs to machines of any kind, the people will do well to ask to see the agent's credentials. Mr. Garrison is endeavoring to do business as any other merchant by selling good machines, keeping all kinds, with parts and attachments, needles, etc., and doing substantial repairing. He pushes his business in the legitimate way by advertising and appealing to the intelligence of the people, and when they go to his store they find all the different machines from which to make their own selection, and then he will deliver the machine at any depot free of charge, and will keep it in repair five years. Some cases of peculiar hard-ship have been developed, in which unscrupulous agents have persuaded women to exchange sewing machines or buy a new one, with the understanding that they could go to Mr. Garrison's store and exchange it for any other kind if they did not like the one taken. Instances have been reported also where repairs have been attempted, and after the agent has departed the machine is found to have been rendered worthless. Any person of intelligence will see at a glance that a machine that is repaired in a well-established shop, where all the tools, machinery and appliances are at hand and the most experienced mechanics are employed, is the place to have the work done.

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