

red, blue, green and yellow shawls, bright calico dresses of the "divided skirt" pattern, and beautiful mocasins complete a toilet that attracts attention if not admiration.

In a few days all this will end and the pack animals will again climb the mountain sides and the prow of the red cedar canoe will be turned to the northward. In nearly every canoe may be seen a large Saratoga trunk, filled to the cover with gaudily-colored garments of all descriptions, and in one corner will repose a canvas bag of bright silver dollars.

A GREAT COPPER DISTRICT.

COPPER ore from the Seven Devils district, in Idaho, is passing through Portland for shipment by sea to Swansea, England, for treatment in the great smelters and refineries there. It can be landed in England by this route at about the same expense as in St. Louis by rail. This district is the most extensive copper area yet found in the west, and only the fact that it is miles from any railroad, over rough mountain roads, has kept it from rapid development. Fifteen locations are now being exploited, and are making a wonderful showing. Nearly 100,000 tons of ore have been taken to the surface from these mines and are waiting facilities for reduction. This ore will average from fifteen to twenty per cent. copper, but that now being shipped to England will run much higher than that. It is a fine smelting ore, and is situated in a region where timber and water abound. Everything is favorable for easy and economical working of the mines except transportation facilities, and these will not much longer be withheld. Such valuable property, some of it, and that the best developed, in the hands of mining men of experience and ample means, will not long be permitted to suffer from the lack of what capital can easily give it, and a railroad from Weiser will no doubt soon be built northward into this great mineral region. When this is done great smelters will be erected and another Butte City will undoubtedly spring up amid the mountains of Idaho.

In the east there is considerable discussion of the question of colonizing the Yukon region, in Alaska, with people from Iceland. The Icelanders are used to a far more rigorous climate than that of the region to which it is proposed to induce them to remove, and there is no question but that they would prosper and develop the resources of the country.

The population of Iceland is about 7,500 souls, and it is proposed to induce them all to remove to Alaska.



IN THE KILN AND WAREHOUSE.