THE NEW HILL-TON.

The new building that Mr. H. H. Northup is erecting on Twelfth street, near Jefferson, will be unique in many particulars. It will be 120x60 feet on the ground and four stories high above the basement, and it will be chiefly constructed of stone and Japanese brick, with Portland pressed brick and stone trimmings. The cost of the structure will be \$70,000, and it will be completed by the first of October. It will be occupied by Mrs. Hill, who has made a reputation for conducting the most select boarding house in the city, and who will here have every advantage for accommodating the patronage she has acquired.

The excavation for Hill-Ton has been made, and the foundation is nearly completed. The basement will contain machinery room, fuel room, general toilet rooms, laundry and dry rooms, cold storage, pastry baking room, billiard hall, and dining, bath and sleeping rooms for servants. On the first floor will be parlors and reception rooms, dining room finished with paneled walls and timbered ceiling, and suites of rooms with parlors. The second, third and

This last time I have been back two years, and I will never leave again to mine in any other state. More money has been made in Montana mines in proportion to the money invested than in the same kind of property in any other state, and fewer investments have failed. We have better mines and more of them than Colorado, despite the fact that the latter state has been prospected a thousand per cent. more than Montana. There is within a radius of twenty-five miles of Helena the richest mining section in this state. Many of the mines that are paying now are owned by outside parties, but there is no reason why Helena men should not reap the lion's share of the profits. Go in any direction from the city within this radius, and you will find properties, with enough work done on them to justify the expenditure of capital in their development. Take it within five miles of the city, I can name a half dozen properties which are steady producers, have been shipping ore all winter, and yet I will venture to say that not a dozen men in Helena, outside of those directly interested, know anything about them. These mines which are producers are not the only good ones in their neighborhood. There are others, but our local capitalists seem not to know of them. Take the Bell



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fourth floors will be divided into rooms, single and en suite, all fronting on large lawns. All rooms have stationary lavatories, and the suites have bath rooms. The fifth floor will contain servants' sleeping rooms and storage

The building will contain all modern improvements, such as elevator, electric lights, hot water heating, etc. The sanitation will be as perfect as is possible to obtain, Architect Hodgson having given particular attention to this feature of the building. The culinary department will contain every improvement for conducting that important branch of the establishment.

The building will be beautifully furnished throughout. All rooms will be tinted in colors to harmonize with the fernishings which will all be new. There will be a wide porch extending across one wing and facing a beautiful lawn one hundred feet wide.

Referring to the opportunities Helena men have in the mines, Wm. M. Sprague is quoted as saying: "I have numed in almost every state in the union, as well as across the line. Twice I have left Montana, only to return.

Boy, located near the Old Penobscot; it has made regular shipments of ore this winter, and the returns are something big. Then there is the Humboldt, near the Parrot, out of which the owners are making a nice thing. One of the most eminent mining men of my acquaintance, on a recent visit to Helena, after an inspection of some of the locations close to the city, predicted that in ten years the output from the mines closely surrounding Helena would be larger than from any other single section of the state. Of course it will take capital, and the business men of Helena, who interest themselves in mining propositions, would do well to see what they can do close to home before they put all their spare capital into sections further away. I am in favor of developing all the mineral resources of the state, but I believe it is good policy for Helena people to encourage the development of properties near the city."

Tourists to Mount St. Helens this year should start from Kalama, the nearest railroad point to the mountain, and follow up the Kalama river, over the trail made by the Kalama river colony at an expense of \$3,000. The trail will be completed to the mountain this spring.—Kalama Bulletin.