

NEWS OF THE MINES

SIBERIA GRAPHITE TO BE ANALYZED

REPORT MADE ON COMPOSITION OF SUBSTRATE COMPANY LOOKS TO BE COMMERCIAL, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS ARE EN ROUTE TO ST. PETERSBURG.

Graphite will in all probability be mined in Siberia the coming year on a considerable scale. A. J. Trimble, one of the prominent stockholders of the Northwest company, passed through the city yesterday to Seattle, where he has been called in connection with closing operations for the season. He stated that the graphite deposit found by the company on their Siberian concession would be thoroughly tested this winter, as several hundred tons had been ordered brought out on the last steamer, for exhaustive analysis. Should this test prove that the graphite is what it seems to be, and as indicated by preliminary examinations, work on the deposit next year will be on a scale insuring the output of many tons.

Mr. Trimble's company is a commercial and industrial organization, handling a transportation line from Seattle, operating fish-packing establishments and prospecting the Siberian coast, where concessions have been obtained for several years. This is the second year that it has been active, but the results of operations have been satisfactory and there is prospect of bringing out important mineral districts.

For four years Mr. Trimble operated in the Sumpter district of this state, where he has the Annuldu mining property. Prior to that time he was in the Mesaba range, Michigan.

PLACERING GRAVEL IN A 200-FOOT BED

Heavy work will be done this season on the Old Channel placers, near Grants Pass, on the Rich Gulch side of the river. Manager I. T. Harvey has been busy during the fall months getting his plants in position to wash a 200-foot strip of deep ground where which prospects very well.

The Deep Channel property has the finest bed of ancient river gravel opened in the state, a bank more than 200 feet deep being handled in the work on some part of the group. This immense body of alluvium is placered through the fortunate combination of excellent water power and location upon the foothills where abundant fall for the flume is had. Six-inch giants are used on the great bank, as workmen must stand far back from the face when tearing down gravel.

DOWN IMPERIAL OUTFIT

The management of the Imperial mine in eastern Oregon promises twice the production of concentrates during the month of October that was credited in September. A. L. McQueen, of the operating firm, says that equipment has been increased and that better arrangements have been made for delivering ore, and he expects that the Imperial will deliver about 10 tons daily during the present month. While these improvements in milling have been made, development has been prosecuted steadily.

EVIDENCE ALL IN

All evidence in the Keystone-Equity boundary litigation, Grant county, has been taken. Circuit Judge Clifford appointed a commissioner to take testimony, and witnesses in considerable number have been brought for this temporary tribunal. Albert Geiser, of the Geiser-Hendryx investment company, which represents the Keystone management, stated that both sides had their hearing and that the case will now go before the court.

"It was almost a miracle. Burdock Blood, Billers cured me of a terrible blood poisoning all over the body. I am very grateful. Miss Julia Florida, West Cornwall, Conn.

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ANOTHER BIG MILL FOR SUMPTER MINE

ALFRED TWENTY-SEVEN PLANT WITH SIX-DIESEL COMPRESSOR HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND FIVE STAMPS ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION.

A new 20-stamp mill, with compressor plant, has been completed at the Alpine mine, Cable Cove, eastern Oregon. Messrs. Laddlaw & Steadman, millwrights, have taken their construction crew in to Sumpter, and state that the mill is practically ready for ore. Five stamps of the battery were put in commission by Superintendent Adams immediately, to handle a quantity of ore that was on the dump.

The Alpine plant is one of the most complete in the district, for its size. The stamps weigh 1,000 pounds each, the mortars are of the latest pattern and the eight concentrating tables and steam power complete the more salient features of the mill equipment. A six-drill compressor has been put in the mill building, and is to be the main aid, and for such other development as requires power drive.

Cincinnati capitalists own the Alpine, this country being a kindred organization to the Baby McKee Consolidated company. All the properties of the two concerns are within a near radius, on the John Day side of the Cove, and the impression prevails that this one mill will be used to handle ore from the Alpine, Last Chance and Baby McKee. A vertical shaft is being sunk on the second, and the Baby McKee is being extended to a crosscut 1,800 feet long, which exposes good ore. The Alpine is opened by tunnels, of which there are four or five on the principal veins.

COMPLETED SIXTEEN MILES OF RAIL LINE

Between 18 and 19 miles of the rail line inland from the mouth of Solomon river, Alaska, has been completed this year. This line is projected to touch all of the rich gold belts adjacent to Nome, and the men back of it state that they will push on down until they reach Valdez, on the lower side of the peninsula. Grading is not far ahead of the track laid, but the management promises an energetic work next summer as has been done this year. This line is expected to develop the interior country adjacent to Nome, and will doubtless bring out new mining districts, as it makes supplies and equipment possible at interior points. The line is owned by the Council City & Solomon River company, which is working under the auspices of the Western Alaska Construction company of New York. The tracks for this line are said to have been the first broad gauge rails laid in Alaska.

GOOD RUSTLING AND LIBERAL POLICIES

"Viewing the shipments of ore made from the Sumpter camp before completion of the smelter there, one would not appreciate where it was possible to get ore and concentrates to keep the smelter going. Yet since Manager Fuller put his plant in commission the shipments of ore to the smelter have been sufficient to keep it busy, and there seems enough in sight already to keep the smelter running all winter."

Thus spoke a prominent mining man of the eastern Oregon district yesterday. He said that ore was coming from sources entirely unexpected. The management, he understood, did not have the output of either the North Pole or the Columbia mines, yet without these he had rustled ore to keep a 100-ton plant busy while running with two shifts. Very broad, liberal policies have been adopted by the management. Where a small claim owner has ore on the dump that is available for the smelter, Manager Fuller will have it hauled with teams

secured by the smelter, and make payments after sampling, on a very satisfactory basis. The Halsey-Birkhorn is producing steadily, and may get up to 20 tons per day. The Highland, in Rock creek, has entered the market for the first time, and is said to be able to sustain production while roads will permit hauling. When the R. & S. concentrates and shipping ore are controlled there will be a steady production here, as the reserve in sight above the shaft promises two years' steady work by the mill. Some ore has been received from Cornucopia, a good quantity from Greenhorn and Cable Cove also has been able to market a quantity. Manager Fuller has rustled all over the mineral zone and is everlastingly in sight, and the operator, complimenting his work, said there was no surer evidence of success at the smelter than this energetic, broad business policy.

PATENT MUCKER IN BIG CROSSCUT ADIT.

A unique mucking device was tried for a period at the Oregon Securities company's property in Bohemia. It was tested in a face of some crosscut, which is about 10 feet square. The mucker is a low flatcar, the width of the big tunnel, and made of the heaviest timbers. Before shooting this broad vehicle would be driven up against the face of the tunnel and when the round of shots broke down a rock a large proportion of it would be landed on the mucker. As the car is heavy and would be freighted with several tons of rock after shooting the power available before installing the electric motor was not sufficient to handle it, and too much time would be lost in moving the mucker. Some such device as this seems feasible, and if worked with success, would save a large amount of work in shoveling.

CLACKAMAS HAS A STRIKE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Oct. 2.—News has been received here in the drive from the main tunnel of the Ogilvie Creek Mining company's property fine beds of ore above the average in richness was encountered. The tunnel will be extended 75 to 80 feet to tap parallel veins which have the appearance at the surface of being good fissures.

PORTLAND FIRM SEES PROSPERITY

The Dry Goods Economist, New York. Trade conditions never have been better; never in the history of Oregon has so large a percentage of the population been profitably employed as now. The state is growing, industry is expanding, population is increasing and there is work at good wages for all who are willing to work. Money is abundant for the legitimate purposes of business and the fact that the east has had for a year has not been felt here; since 1900 Portland's population has increased from 90,000 to 128,000. Oregon's principal industries are agriculture, horticulture, dairying, mining, lumbering, fisheries, mercantile lines and manufacturing. Prospects in all branches of business are good. Our fall purchases will be larger this year than in 1903 or 1902. Next year the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, an international affair, will be held at Portland from June 1 to October 15. It will represent a total outlay of \$5,000,000 and should be of special interest to the dry goods trade.

THREE GRANGE FAIRS IN NEXT TWO MONTHS

There will be three grange fairs during the next two months. Oswego Grange's fair date is October 8, and as trains run out from Portland at short intervals a considerable attendance is expected from this city. There will be the usual competition of live stock, agricultural products, home cooking and baking. Evening Star Grange holds its fair October 20, 21 and 22, at its hall and grounds on the Section Line road. There will be extensive exhibits, including a number by Portland merchants. Evening entertainments will be given in the hall. The grounds may be reached from this city by the reservoir branch of the Hawthorne avenue line. The Milwaukie Grange fair will be held November 2 and 3, and will include a baby show, home and art department, and an evening entertainment.

DAVIS SENDS OUT HIS ACCEPTANCE

EVERY ATTEMPT TO BRING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

(Journal Special Service.) Elkton, W. Va., Oct. 2.—Henry G. Davis has sent out his letter of acceptance through John Edgar Williams, accepting the nomination for the vice-presidency of the United States at the hands of the Democratic party. It is as follows:

"The times are propitious for the reinstatement of the Democratic party in control of the government. The public mind is being disillusioned of the pretension of the Republican party, so long and so arrogantly made, that the material prosperity of the country depends upon its own ascendancy. Thoughtful and patriotic people are becoming more and more distrustful of the present administration, and are more than willing to see it replaced by one that better recognizes constitutional and other lawful restraints. They demand the present wasteful extravagance in the expenditure of the money, drawn by taxation from the industry of the people, shall cease and that economy and honesty in the public service shall again be regarded as virtues in the high places of the government.

"To show the rapid growth of the cost of government, it is only necessary to give the total expenditures in the last fiscal year of the following administrations:

- "Buchanan, 1860, \$68,000,000; per capita, \$2.01.
- "Cleveland, 1896, \$214,000,000; per capita, \$5.25.
- "Roosevelt, 1904, \$582,000,000; per capita, \$7.14.

"In answer to criticisms upon the size and expense of maintaining the army, the president has said the number of soldiers is not so great per capita than in former times. But an army then was necessary to protect settlers from the Indians and to do other police duty in the unsettled portions of the country—conditions which do not now exist. The army, however, has greatly increased in cost, much faster relatively than it has in numbers. The expenditures were:

- "Under Buchanan, in 1860, \$11,500,000.
- "Under Hayes, in 1880, \$38,000,000.
- "Under Roosevelt, in 1904, \$115,000,000.

"We all hail as the harbinger of the new era in the commerce of the world the inception of the great work of building the canal that is to join the two great oceans; but we deprecate the action of the present administration which inflicted a wound upon our national honor by its disregard of the rights of a weaker nation in order to gain a doubtful credit for energy in forwarding that great enterprise. The territory of a neighboring republic, with which we are at peace, is seized by a band of revolutionists, protected by the guns of the United States navy and erected into a state over night which the president promptly recognized as an independent nation. A gross offense against a friendly republic, which it was helpless to resent.

"These and many other unwarranted things that belong more to an empire than to a republic have occurred under the administration and brought deep concern and alarm to thoughtful and patriotic minds. They must be regarded as the first fruits of imperialism, and show how far we are drifting toward absolutism and centralized power.

"The tariff is undoubtedly too high on such articles as enables the manufacturer to sell his products abroad cheaper than at home.

"The efforts of trusts to control or monopolize, and these monopolies, when unrestrained, seem to produce conditions which bring about strikes and disorders that disturb the business affairs of the country.

"Local self-government that came to us not as the gift of the national government, but as the legitimate outcome of the efforts of the states and the people is the very cornerstone of our political structure, and the best assurance of liberty regulated by law. It can only be maintained by strict adherence to the limitations of the federal constitution.

"The declaration in the St. Louis platform in favor of arbitration is one that appeals to any sense of fairness.

"All lovers of their country must deprecate the rehabilitation by the Republican party of a disappearing race issue at a time when every effort should be made to promote rather than retard the progress which has been made in the states where slavery had existed toward kinder relations between the two races.

"Speculation and fraud in the public services under the present administration, especially in the postoffice and land departments, reached such proportions that knowledge of the evils practiced became public property. Prosecutions naturally followed, and congress, proposed and urged by the Democratic minority, was refused by the Republicans at the mandate, it is believed, of the admitted convention and its candidate for president have given signs exhibition of a mutual respect and confidence almost unprecedented in recorded history, and our party has its appeal to the people, who always appreciate and admire courage, character and discretion in their leaders. Our candidate has these qualities in an exceptional degree, and we have all times to observe that self-control on speech and action which is so necessary to safe reasoning and sound judgment.

"With unabated trust in the efficiency of the cardinal principles of our great party, when applied to the practical administration of government to realize the blessings of peace and prosperity for all, and believing that the people will correct the present serious administration by a change of party in power. I await with confidence the result of their judgment at the polls."

OAKLAND CAPITALIST MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

John R. Burnham, a wealthy capitalist of Oakland, Cal., and well known in Portland and throughout the state of Oregon, met with a very serious accident in Oakland last week. While he was escorting his daughter, Miss Lucretia Burnham, and a friend of hers across the tracks of the Alameda electric line he was knocked down by the car and seriously cut and bruised. He was on horseback at the time of the accident and his mount suffered a broken leg.

Mr. Burnham is well known in this city. For two or three years he lived here, being interested in the Portland Lined Oil Works. With his family he resided at the Hill house, now known as the Robert-Curtis. He has extensive financial interests in the state, and especially at Pendleton.

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