

LONG DRIFT ON A BIG COPPER VEIN

Dump of St. Helens Mine Has Ore Shed Five Hundred Feet Long.

ORE REMOVED WHILE DOING DEVELOPMENT

Great Tonnage Indicated by Faithful Work of Portland & Eastern Company.

Foreman Charles H. Schmand of the St. Helens Consolidated Mining Company, Shannan county, Wash., returned to the properties last evening after a conference with Dr. H. W. Cline, general manager.

Mr. Schmand says a large amount of work is being done on the Spirit lake mines and everything is in readiness for continuance until the next season.

The main tunnel on the Sweden group at Spirit lake, "has attained a length of 2,200 feet, all being a drift of the vein and all practically in ore, an shoots are long and come quickly after striking out of the drift.

We will drive 400 feet further on this vein to open ground that has the best surface showing of the property and then will begin a big crosscut to the right, which will be given to open the index and parallel veins and constitute the main working adit of the entire group.

As fissures are numerous in the formation there, several big veins besides those cropping will undoubtedly be found.

Our ore shed presents a striking appearance. The shed has been extended about 500 feet from the portal and under the work we are striking high grade copper to the very roof.

The ore is chalcopyrite, bornite and some gray copper, samples of which I brought out. The ore under this shed is of natural color and is a shipping grade without concentrating.

Transportation was reasonably near. The whole lot saved is commercial and all has been removed in the natural color of drifting, without toppling. Above the caps of our tunnel sets. When the management begins to ship an immense quantity of rock is available on this dump.

Stacks handling rock from the face of the main drift make over a mile in one round trip, which indicates the slow progress that would be expected. Yet despite this long haul, we are driving ahead at a fast pace.

Our last work has been in exceptionally rich ore, as we are getting under a fine shoot proved by an upper tunnel nearly 400 feet vertically above. This ore is in the front but 100 feet from the present face of the vein split and we followed what seemed to be the stronger part.

The other branch is probably coming in again, and it is thought that we were fairly out footwall, the main body of the vein yet being to our left. The company has between 5,000 and 6,000 feet of work on this property and at present we operate four camps.

There is a crew on the United mines, under contract of Gus Anderson, another on the Index under contract of the Olinsons and a third in the Portland area under contract of Charles Anderson. We do contract work on these three, but prosecute development on the Lakeside by day labor. All camps are amply provisioned for winter and spring work.

A crew is now working before the next season opens. At least one railroad seems assured for the district for 1905. The large operators of the district do not crowd the features of mining, but went to work first on strenuous development, getting a tonnage in sight. We have this now. With three months' work in the past, it is believed that 500 tons of ore daily could be furnished a line from ore bodies already opened.

TWO GOOD STRIKES IN MONTANA GOLD MINES

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—Within a short time two strikes have been made in two mines near Helena. Some time ago a crosscut on the 600-foot level of the Bald Butte mine discovered a new vein carrying high values in gold. Another crosscut has just been run on the same level to prove the vein further. At the last point of development it was three and one-half feet wide and has high values. This vein is entirely new and independent of the others opened, from which millions have been taken. One car shipped netted more than \$12,000.

For the past year exploration has been going on in the Big Indian mine, four and one-half miles south of Helena. Most of the work is in an entirely new section and has ore which assays high.

BOILERS BLOW UP KILLING FOUR MEN

Accident at Sawmill Plant at Walville Results Fatally For Employees.

TWO SERIOUSLY BURNED BUILDING BADLY WRECKED

Cause of Disaster is Unknown as Boilers Had Been Recently Inspected.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Dec. 29.—Yesterday afternoon at Walville, a milling town on the Chehalis & South Bend railroad, 27 miles west of Chehalis, there was an appalling explosion that resulted in three men losing their lives instantly.

Two were badly injured that one died soon afterward, and a fifth is not expected to live, his injuries probably being fatal. These killed instantly were: R. G. Hicks, single, 22 years of age, relatives in West Virginia.

Frank Dowell, 33 years of age, married, leaves a wife and little girl at Walville. Dowell was a native of Missouri.

Pres Ekins, single, 26 years of age, leaves a brother and sister at Walville. Ekin's relatives live at Decatur, Mich., and he had recently returned from that place. He formerly lived at Chehalis after he came to Washington, three or four years ago.

The fifth man who was dangerously hurt by the explosion was W. Buchanan, 22 years of age, whose relatives live at Moses Lake, in the eastern part of Lewis county. He is not expected to live.

There is no reason given for the terrible accident. Ten days ago the boilers were inspected by the official inspector of the insurance company that carries the risk, and were found in the best of condition. This morning nothing out of the way was noted, but this afternoon, as the plant was about to start for the day, there was almost immediately the explosion that resulted as above stated.

The mill was badly wrecked, the damage being estimated at many thousands of dollars. The mill stands on the north side of the railroad track, a little distance from where the Chehalis & South Bend branch goes by. When the sawmill proper is running, only 100 men are employed about the mill. Fortunately the employees of the mill were but few of them about the mill today, or the loss of life would have been very much greater.

The mill was repaired recently. The company runs a cross arms plant in connection with its mill, and this has been running steadily.

The cross arms plant stands some distance west of the sawmill. Between them are the dry kilns, the material for the cross arms plant passing through the kilns on its way to the factory. Steam for the dry kilns is the same as that of the cross arms factory was supplied from the boilers which were placed in the mill proper.

Between the two and the dry kilns the boiler houses stood alongside the mill, and the mill employees were at work today, the sawyer, carriage men and other men shifting the lumber on the rolls, and many others, would probably never have known of the explosion if the Walworth & Neville Manufacturing company owns and operates the plant. They engage in a general sawmill business and manufacture cross arms also.

The mill has the reputation of being one of the best equipped in this section of the state, and runs pretty much of the time. Mr. Palma is in charge. So far as known, but one of the men killed today was insured.

Possibly the others were members of some of the fraternal societies of which there are several at Pee Ell. Several people from Chehalis and other nearby places took the train for the scene of the disaster just as soon as possible.

THEATRE WAR ENDS IN VICTORY FOR NEILL

Seattle, Dec. 29.—The real engagement of the Seattle theatre war has been fought and Manager J. P. Howe and Actor James Neill have come to terms.

Mr. Howe, who was in Spokane when Acting Manager De Lisser discharged Mr. and Mrs. Neill, hurried home on receipt of a message telling him of the trouble. After a conference with Mr. Neill he took the management of the house from De Lisser and made Mr. Neill stage director. De Lisser will remain in the capacity of stage manager.

The Neills will not resign Saturday night but will continue their engagement indefinitely.

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At the office of the Great Northern Steamship company the only statement made is that Captain Truebridge is not in good health. Captain Rinder has been master of the White Star line steamer out of San Francisco for several years and is one of the best known mariners in that port. He has already arrived here and taken command of the Minnesota.

During the trip from the Atlantic coast to Seattle Captain Truebridge had the worst experience of his life with the crew. It was an experience, he has stated to friends, that he does not wish to repeat and it may be that it disgusted him. The new crew taken on at Victoria, before the boat came to this port, however, is composed of Chinese, and has been managed by Captain Truebridge.

BRING HUME'S CORPSE OVER SNOW FOR BURIAL

Seattle, Dec. 29.—The Humes Memorial committee has raised \$5,000 toward the fund to bring out the body of the late mayor of Seattle from Fairbanks, conduct funeral ceremonies and present a testimonial to his family. The amount is expected to be doubled before the work of the committee is through. No word has been received from the party in charge of the body since it left Fairbanks over the snow four weeks ago.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

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Charcoal effectively cleans and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the insidious gases which collect in the stomach and throat from the use of charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges.

Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are made of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless and antiseptic in tablet form. In this form the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, the complexion, the sweeter breath and pure blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary great benefit.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefit of Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat, he also believes the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them.

It is a fact that in some cases a drug alone, and although in some sense a potent preparation, yet it is believed in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets.

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SKIDMORE'S JANUARY SALE

WITH SOUVENIR SWEEEPING PRICES ON DRUGS, SPICES, RUBBER GOODS, BRUSHES, LEATHER GOODS, SOAPS AND GENERAL TOILET AND HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES

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Table listing Household Drugs with prices for items like Strong Ammonia, Gasoline, Pure Glycerine, etc.

Table listing Rubber Goods with prices for items like Good serviceable Hot Water Bags, Skidmore Hot Water Bags, etc.

Table listing Pure Food Products with prices for items like Pure Cream Tartar, Pure Baking Soda, Pure Sugar Milk, etc.

Table listing Bristle Goods with prices for items like A complete line of Kent's and Adams' high-grade brushes, Hair Brushes, etc.

Table listing Soaps with prices for items like Pears' Transparent Soap, Pears' Glycerine Soap, etc.

Table listing Toilet Articles with prices for items like Mennen's Talcum, Gerard's Florida Water, etc.

Table listing Combs with prices for items like Ladies' Black Combs, Ladies' Celluloid Combs, etc.

Table listing Perfumery with prices for items like Roger & Gallet Violet Water, Roger & Gallet Peau d'Espagne, etc.

Table listing Shaving Supplies with prices for items like Torrey Razors, Henkle Razors, Gillette Razors, etc.

Table listing Toilet Paper with prices for items like Oregon 8-ounce rolls, Empire 7-ounce rolls, etc.

Table listing Sponges and Chamois with prices for items like Rubber Sponges, Large Popular Sponges, etc.

Table listing Whisk Brooms with prices for items like Popular Hearth Brooms, Substantial Brooms, etc.

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