

Will the next republican national convention dare to put the one cent letter postage plank, which was conspicuous in its last platform, and which has been utterly disregarded by the present administration, into its platform?

The hardest thing for republican speakers and editors in Ohio to explain is, why wool is cheaper than it was before the McKinley bill became a law, instead of higher, as Maj. McKinley had assured his wool-raising constituents that it would be.

The farmers of Ohio will have an excellent opportunity this fall to express their opinion of the high tariff legislation of the republican party, which taxes them for the benefit of a few "protected" manufacturers, and there is little doubt that the opinion will be most emphatically expressed at the ballot box.

Burns is sadly in need of a bank, men with sufficient capital who have thought and probably are now thinking of the project, should not listen to all that is said by stockmen who are opposed to the settling and development of this country. These individuals will, of course, tell that their money is in Calif. or some other place equally distant and they expect it to remain there and not to reckon on any deposits from them, this line of argument is intended to discourage an enterprise of this kind and if possible prevent it, but if the bank is once established these very men will patronize it, because it is then to their interest to do so, they have exhausted their means to prevent it with out success and now since it is, they feel and know it is to their interest to make deposits here for convenience rather than have their money several hundred miles away.

The merchants and business men or some of them may discourage the idea for the simple reason, the citizens and settlers, in the absence of a bank deposit money with the business men who have the use of it without paying interest.

Burns and Huntington should be connected by a telegraph or telephone line. Have the business men on the line, proposed, ever taken a thought of the benefit it would be to all concerned? Not only to business men would it be an advantage, but to every one. The stockman, the rancher, the mechanic in fact the whole country adjacent to the route, would be compensated very much more than the cost of building the line.

When we say the compensation would be much greater than the cost, don't understand us that we have made a careful estimate and know what the cost of putting up a line will amount too, for we have not made such estimate, but simply believing it would not exceed \$5000. are bold enough, on that hypothesis, to assert that the cost is insignificant when compared with the benefit derived.

Why not make an effort to organize a joint stock company? Burns, Harney, Drewsey, Vale, and Huntington should all take an interest because of the advantage it would be to each of the above named places.

FROM THE "SEVEN DEVILS."

HELENA Idaho, July 21st, '91.

ED. HERALD: I will furnish you a few items concerning the "Seven Devil" mines.

The road leading from here to Snake river is now completed and is a masterpiece of work it being a regular turnpike, its cost is about \$2400, distance 18 miles. About 6 miles of the road is almost solid rock. Baker City people have very nearly completed a road from Pine valley to the Little Bar Ferry which connects with the road running from there to the mine.

Soon the mail will be carried over the Baker City and Pine creek route to this place, and in about two weeks the road from Pine valley to the river will be completed and teams can come all the way from Baker City to this place.

Arrangements are about made to build a Smelter here, and if completed this fall, we may expect Helena to be a lively mining camp next season.

There are many mines here from which the ore can be worked to a great advantage over shipping, provided a Smelter is put in operation.

A sale was made here a few days ago of some mining property for \$20,000. The ore is free milling and assays 54 per cent gold. There is a great many valuable claims here which can be bought cheap on account of financial inability of the owners to handle them.

There is an abundance of wood and water which can be used for smelting power and other purposes.

A saw mill is about ready for operation 3 miles from the mines where lumber of all kinds can be had at reasonable figures.

The South Peacock mine owned by a Boston Co. is now having a hundred foot shaft sunk at a cost of \$15 per foot. Col. C. F. Drake of Boston, is the superintendent of the mine.

An electric plant is to be put in here which will furnish light and power when it will be needed, and about 4 mile of pipe will be laid from Deep Creek to the Old Peacock mine, which will carry water enough for all the power that is needed to run the machinery of the place.

I will remark here that this work is not expected to be done this season but will be commenced in order to be ready early next summer.

Capt. J. C. Rogers, superintendent of the Old Peacock mine for A. Kleinschmidt of Helena Montana, has gone to Baker City and will visit Helena Montana before he returns, and expects to complete arrangements to build a Smelter while he is there.

Yours Truly J. E. McKINNON.

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