

**MINES OF MOUNT SINAI.**

**Copper Mined Centuries Before the Tribes of Israel Gathered There.**

Egyptians had mined the rugged sides of Mount Sinai for copper and turquoise thousands of years before Moses climbed the mountain to receive the tables of the law, and the Egyptians waged wars for the possession of these mines. M. de Morgan, with a party of French engineers, recently visited these abandoned workings, which are situated convenient to the Gulf of Suez, and explored two of the ancient deposits. He found the mineral deposits in the sandstone region and not in the porphyries which constitutes the great mass of the mountains.

These deposits consist of copper and iron bearing minerals, especially hematite and some gypsum. Among the auriferous minerals the most valuable were the turquois, many valuable specimens of which have been discovered from time to time in the tombs of the Egyptians. M. de Morgan brought back to France a collection of minerals, most of which were turned over to M. Berthelot, who made a most interesting report on the minerals, in which he stated that the copper bearing specimens were poor in metal and not plentiful.

Mining such ores must have been tedious and severe labor. The Egyptians were still using arms of wood and chipped or ground stones, and copper was a rare and precious metal, the possession of which was thought to repay the most severe labor. Later on, wood and stone implements gave place to bronze, which was made possible by the importation of tin from remote regions.

These mines have been abandoned for at least 3,000 years, probably on account of a constantly growing scarcity in metal. The mines were probably worked from 3,500 to 4,000 years. It is thought that the working of the mines began nearly 6,000 years ago.—Chicago News.

**IMPROVEMENTS AT GRANITE.**

**Bank, Saw Mill and Telephone Exchange on the List.**

Granite is soon to have another saw mill, and as soon as it is in operation, which will be very shortly, the lumber famine the city has been suffering from will be at an end. The mill is to be located on a choice tract of timber land several miles east of the city.

Fred Toborg, who is in the city representing the mining interests of John Waterman, of Baker City, is making preparations to work the Waterman placer claim adjoining the city of Granite on the west. Though a little of this ground has already been worked, there is no question that there is yet much gold left in the claim.

A telephone exchange has been installed in Granite during the past week, and local merchants now have the same telephone conveniences that are enjoyed by the business men of other cities. Central is located in the handsome new residence of Mayor Thornburg, with Miss Cora Stapleton as operator. Every business house in Granite has an instrument, and the best possible service is now maintained with the rest of the world.

It is reported on the best of authority that the First National bank of Baker City, realizing the importance of Granite as a business and mining center, is making preparations for establishing a branch house in this city. A bank has long been needed in Granite, and it will prove a great convenience not alone to local merchants, but also to miners, who have to cash their checks here, and mining men, who frequently make large deals in this district.—The Gem.

**Governor Mackintosh in B. C. Politics.**

The conservative convention for the Rossland riding meets today for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the seat in the provincial legislature, and

it is pretty well settled that Hon. C. H. Mackintosh will be the choice of the delegates. This decision will undoubtedly meet with the approval of the great majority of the party, and will be regarded with satisfaction by all the residents of the community, whether they may support or oppose Mr. Mackintosh. They recognize in him not only the strongest man whom the conservatives could bring out, but one who is in the best sense a friend of the district, who has large interests in it himself, and whose interests can only be well served by legislation which will develop the country and attract towards it the attention of capital and enterprise. He will command the respect if he does not obtain the support of his political opponents, and the wage earning class will undoubtedly regard him as one who is desirous of seeing their interests fairly and honestly looked after, that labor may enjoy that to which it is entitled, and the whole community is benefited thereby. The selection of Mr. Mackintosh will not be a nomination by the "machine," but will be the spontaneous choice of the party to which the machine is forced to consent. That there are several other good men who might be chosen is undoubted, but owing to the fact that they are less known than Mr. Mackintosh, the "ward politicians" might be able to put up a better fight against them.—Editorial in Rossland Miner.

**QUARTZ AND MULE GULCH.**

**Rich Yields From These Two Placer Diggings.**

The Quartz gulch placers, which made such an excellent showing last season, have resumed work again this spring and if present results keep up, the clean up this season will be something enormous. Work has been in progress for the past three weeks and several valuable specimens have been taken out, two of which are now on exhibition at Brown & Simpson's store.

The mine was formerly worked with good results but what was considered the bed rock and down to where the ground was piped off, was only a false bed rock. The bed rock proper, however, has been discovered to be thirty feet below and the pay dirt is far richer than above.

The mine is owned by Walter Brown, Dr. Ashford and Frank Sels, the former owning three-fourths. Walter Brown has leased his interest to F. S. Simpson, C. W. Brown and Charles Watson for this season and the boys expect to make a good clean up. Five men are employed at present and more will be put on as necessity demands.

W. H. Johnson, of John Day, on last Monday exhibited three nuggets at the News office, which he had taken from his placer mine on Mule gulch. The three nuggets weighed in the neighborhood of half a pound and contained about \$100 in gold.

Mr. Johnson and his son, C. P. Johnson, are half owners in the mine, the other half being owned by Bob Cannon. They are operating a hydraulic on the property and consider that they have something valuable.—Canyon City News.

**Sixty Dollar Copper Ore.**

Frank Hachenev recently displayed at the News office a piece of copper ore which he had taken from his Sheep gulch mine. The ore has been assayed and shows \$60 to the ton in copper and considerable gold and silver. The ledge from which the ore was taken has been traced across five claims and shows every evidence of being extensive. It was discovered by Frank Hachenev and Frank Foster and at present is owned by a John Day company, including the discoverers, who are making preparations to develop it on a large scale.—Canyon City News.

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