

### NO MINING TRUST.

#### This is the Only Industry Exempt From That Curse.

All thinkers have arrived at the conclusion that trusts are a dangerous menace, not only to the small trader and middleman, but the investor and capitalist. The immense combinations of wealth, leading to ultimate concentration, can now, at one stroke, crush the manufacturer and destroy any one or all of the industries, with a single exception. John Brisben Walker, in an article on trusts in the Cosmopolitan says:

"A man whose father was one of the great operators of Wall street, who controlled so many millions that he was able to wreck or make great enterprises, said to the writer recently at a dinner, that all investment was becoming doubtful; he did not know where to put a dollar. All classes of enterprise were so largely at the disposal of manipulation in the "street," one day depressed far below par and the next raised far above, always with a like purpose, the one of serving individual interests, that investment in securities quoted on the street had become a lottery. It was in the power of four or five men by manipulation of the stock, or by starting a parallel enterprise, or by any other of the numerous methods so well known, to make or break anything or anybody. Here were the methods of the father being applied to the son's disadvantage. Greater whales had appeared in the seas, which were capable of swallowing the sharks; the sharks were in jeopardy."

As to the remedy; that will be a question of more import to the nation than any which has yet engrossed the attention of its Solons. But as stated before, there is one and only one industry exempt from the tentacles of a trust. It is the mining industry. Were the gold mines of the world to be under the control of a single trust, and one miner to control a single gold mine, his product would be at all times as marketable at a fixed figure as that of the great trust. No combination, no matter how strong, can dictate to the individual miner of precious metals.—Mining and Engineering Review.

#### Town Council Proceedings

At the meeting of the council Saturday evening, the recorder's report was submitted and approved. That official requested that the council have his books experted. The health officer was instructed to investigate and report on the feasibility of constructing a sewer in the alley of block 11, where the opera house stands. There is much trouble with the present drain there. The health officer reported that there is one bad case in the pest house of the undetermined eruptive disease which prevailed here last winter, that came in from some outside district, and suggested that steps be taken to quarantine against similar cases. Some discussion was started relative to the short water supply. Alderman Stinson stated that the supply would be ample in a few days; that the ditch is now being thoroughly repaired.

#### Through the Yellowstone.

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#### FLOUR MILL ON ROCK CREEK.

Will Start Up August 1, And be Operated By Water Power.

W. H. Shoemaker, one of the owners of the new flour mill on Rock creek, was in the city yesterday. He says the machinery is all in place and that the mill will be ready for operation by the first of August.

The machinery was purchased of the Case Manufacturing Co., of Columbus, Ohio, and was placed in position by S. B. Keene, a first-class millwright, of Portland. The machinery is the very latest improved, being the full roller and sifter process. It has no superior in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Shoemaker has spared no expense in putting in as complete a little mill in every way as can be found in the west.

The mill will be run by water power, which is supplied in abundance from Rock creek, recognized as one of the best streams for that purpose in this section of the state. The capacity of the mill can be increased to 100 barrels at a very slight cost.

H. C. Hastings, of Portland, an experienced miller, has accepted the position of head miller.

Mr. Shoemaker figures that he makes a saving to the farmers of about 4 1/2 cents per bushel by returning the sacks.

The wheat crop in that section will be good this season. Pine creek, Rock creek, Muddy and North Powder sections will produce in the neighborhood of 100,000 bushels of wheat, which will make 25,000 barrels of flour. Mr. Shoemaker alone will raise 7000 bushels this year.

The mill owners contemplate putting in an electric light plant next season to light the mill and also Haines, five miles distant.

The mill is located about 16 miles from this city and is the only mill in Baker county.—Baker City Democrat.

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