

**CONSERVATIVES,  
PROGRESSIVES.**

**One Class Hoarders, Other  
Moves the World.**

Our enemies say that we are not fully conservative. This is our tender spot; abuse us, call us anything, but do not call us conservative. Progressives are called wicked by many conservatives, but we are progressive, and, like Topsy, we glory in being wicked in that character. Conservatives are satisfied with three per cent; we believe that money should command ten per cent. Conservatives are hoarders; they believe in entailing estates. The progressive recognize that circulation is the life of trade and now is the hour the poor need employment, consequently they build railroads, ship canals, open mines, assist inventors and patronize art. The conservatives predict disaster to those who invest in the telephone, telegraph, ocean cable and electricity. They stigmatized the progressives as gamblers when they took the plunge into the vortex of speculation, hoping that mankind would be benefitted. The world knows the result—conservatives never opened a mine, but the much abused progressives are responsible for the present welfare of America, wherein we could still be the richest nation on earth had we but limited agricultural resources—our mines would bring us the tribute of nations.

We favor somethings, others we do not. We are not eminently loved by operators east or west who never learn that a prospect is not a mine.

We are against the so-called eastern information bureau that gives advice on mining stocks, for the reason that we do not feel that a man unacquainted with our mineral resources is as capable of advising as to the value of the mine as is a scientist or a practical miner; consequently, while we are a unit with them on general questions of public interest, we are only on speaking terms with a few men when it comes to a question of the value of the mine.

We do not believe that a man in the west can mine successfully and at the same time study astronomy through a glass filled with red liquor; consequently our remarks on this class of miners have not added largely to our western popularity. We are against, first, last and always, the circulation of so-called rumors that stab the reputation of properties under the guise of "watchfulness of public interest;" thus causing panics among shareholders, bringing sorrow and loss, that a few points fall in the value of security may be taken advantage of.

We believe absolutely in mining. It is an industry that trusts cannot control, for nature has no favorites in the search or discovery of metals. Some of the richest mines in the world were discovered by men without a dollar. Mining creates more wealth than all the combined industries, and a fortune made through metals carries happiness in the fact, that no one is made poorer by the transaction. Mining is not alone the industry of the rich, but it is the avenue in which poor men rise quickly to prosperity. Very few great mines have enriched the world through the individual efforts of the wealthy. It was the combination of the dollars of the medium classes that made possible the products that stamped successful mining the world's greatest industry.

We reiterate that we are on the verge of a great mining excitement, in which "fortunes will grow in a night." Gold and copper will be the principal elements to assist in the moulding of new eastern empires. Copper, that has risen so rapidly

in value, will be sought even with greater energy than in the past.—H. B. Clifford in American Mining News.

**Profits in Mining Most Satisfactory.**

An exchange, discussing the profits in mining, as compared with the returns from railroad and industrial stock, says: The fact that incorporated mining companies in the country paid over \$40,000,000 in dividends during the first half of the calendar year will attract considerable attention in the east, where investors will contrast such showing with the unprofitable 150,000 miles of railroads, with over \$20,000,000 liabilities. It is a most favorable showing and will go far towards substantiating the claim that the mining industry, compared with other industries, has paid more dividends than any other. On the \$40,000,000 are only announced dividends of incorporated companies. The aggregate falls far short of the total; for there are many companies profitably engaged in mining that make no announcements. This is largely due to the old fear in all competitive industries that some competitor would find out how profitable the business was, and so hurt him who proclaimed his prosperity by cutting into his profits. Such reticence is a survival of former fear in that regard, a fear that should be groundless in the one industry of all others that has least to dread from competition, and that depends for its progress upon the increase of the number devoting attention to it.

**Spokane Industrial Exposition.**

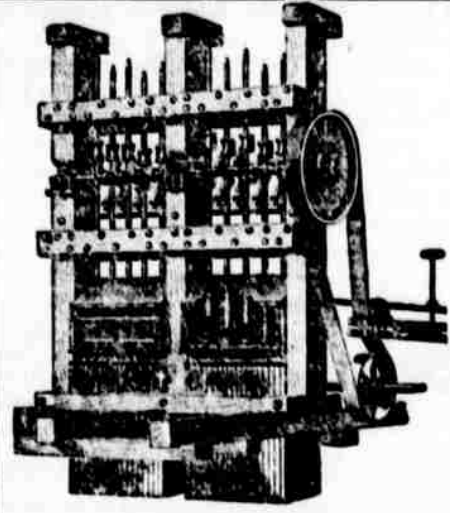
A press bulletin sheet from the Spokane exposition management contains this paragraph: The mining department of the Spokane Industrial exposition, which opens on the second day of October, promises to be better this year than ever before. Many districts are already preparing exhibits, and some which did not exhibit last year are assuring the management that they will be on hand this time with representative exhibits which will be worthy of their sections of the country. The management at Spokane will give every attention to this department and will do everything possible to improve on the excellent exhibit made last year. Word comes from Baker City and Sumpter that a fund is being raised to send another exhibit this year, which will be, if possible much finer than the last. Mr. F. R. Millis has been requested to take charge of this exhibit and has consented to do so.

**Good Advertisement for the District.**

At the instigation of C. L. Parker, of the Portland Mining Stock exchange, the Carbon Photo company, of Sumpter, has made a beautiful portfolio containing 60 pictures, 8x10 inches in size, of the special points of interest, mills, underground work in the mines, placer diggings, the town and some of the principal buildings hereabouts. The photographic work of art is equal to anything produced on the coast, and the collection is one carefully selected and so bound as to admit of the addition of forty more views, as soon as they can be taken and developed. The work is intended for exhibition in the Exchange room among the other advertising matter of the state, and will give an intelligent idea of many interesting points to those who live at a distance, and have not visited here in person.

**Tunnel for Tailings.**

Work will soon be begun on a 1200-foot tunnel through which to carry the tailings at the placer diggings of the Milwaukee Placer Mining company, which owns 120 acres of valuable ground on Granite creek, about six miles west of Granite. Ed Bodmer, of Rosendale, Wis., who is here in the interest of the company, has been making an estimate of the expense of the improvement, and feels satisfied that it will pay. The tunnel will cost about \$12,000.



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