

MINE NEAREST TOWN.

Shows Up Good Under Limited Development Work.

Lewis M. Baker, of Salem, Oregon, returned to his home yesterday, after a profitable all summer work on his claim just adjoining the northern limits of the town.

The property, known as the Tishamingo, has a splendid showing and will more than likely make a mine. Mr. Baker, who is a man of mining experience, located his claim in the summer of last year and has done all his own work, though a man of advanced years.

He has a good strong ledge of six and a half feet between walls and a cross ledge of over four feet, in blue and white talc and gray quartz.

The best assays show \$3.48 in silver and \$13.23 in gold, and the greatest vertical depth reached is only about twenty-five feet.

Mr. Baker has closed down for the winter, but after a well earned rest in the mild Willamette valley climate, he will resume work as soon as early spring is here again.

Joe Hurt Kills Three Deer

Joe Hurt started out Sunday morning loaded for big game. He returned in the evening and declared that he had killed three deer, and had the empty shells to prove the assertion. He also brought along with him one deer, and tells a very plausible story to account for what he did with the other two carcasses. Mr. Hurt says he saw thirty-five or forty head during the day and could have killed more if he had wanted to. The herd makes its headquarters five or six miles south of McEwen.

SOME INTEREST IN ELECTION.

Manifested in a Few Bets Made and a Josh or Two Sprung.

There is some little interest being manifested around town in the presidential election as the day of the great contest draws near. It shows itself in the disposition of the sporty boys to back their judgment on the result, with all the coin at their command.

The gambling is almost entirely on the vote in the states considered from this distance doubtful, Washington, Indiana and West Virginia being the three on which the most money has been placed, neither side offering or asking odds.

There has been but one bet of any consequence made on the general results; Harley Wood wagering \$100 with M. W. Sullivan against his steam saw, on the election of McKinley. This is considered a bet of even money. Harley Wood is dead game and is taking the McKinley end of everything in sight. He has also bet ten dollars with Mr. Sullivan on each of these two propositions, that the republicans will carry three Pacific coast states, Washington, Oregon and California, and Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and New York. Mr. Wood feels so sure of winning the saw that he is already contracting to cut stove wood "in any length desired."

He has also made seven ten dollar bets with Seymour Bell on different propositions.

Sunday some of the republican joshers tried to have fun with Thad Bellinger, a democrat who stands pat on the Chicago platform and is always loaded with reasons for his position. The spokesman of the push stated that \$25,000 had been spent for fireworks at the recent Bryan reception in New York; that he had been given a banquet that cost \$12.50 a plate and he thought it was a low down tick of the ice trust to refuse to pay the

bills. Mr. Bellinger saw the point and the joke and proceeded to hand out some hot ones on the ice trust proposition, that were pointed, all right, but didn't run very largely to joke.

ENORMOUS DIVIDENDS.

Mining is Away Ahead of Any Other Industrial Enterprise.

A glance at the enormous dividends being paid by mining companies monthly and quarterly as compared with those paid by other commercial enterprises, should convince the most pessimistic observer that mining as a business is far and away ahead of the ordinary business investment. A few facts may contribute to the store of knowledge being accumulated by the casual observer and intending investors of capital.

In California there are at present more than 100 gold mines paying dividends or profits to their owners, that we know of. There are many others, quartz and placer mines, of which no record is kept as to the output.

Stratton's Independence of Cripple Creek, Colorado, is paying quarterly dividends of \$488,000, and the total paid has been \$2,440,000. The Calumet and Hecla copper mines of Michigan have paid \$70,000,000 to the shareholders, though it cost them \$1,200,000 before one dividend was declared, and it was started originally as a "wild cat."

The Kennedy of California has paid more than \$2,000,000 in dividends.

The mines of Cripple Creek, Colo., paid nearly \$1,000,000 net, in September, and the total dividends paid by the mines of the district amounts to \$10,000,000. During the month of August copper to the value of \$4,500,000 was shipped from the United States to Europe. In the same month American mines paid \$3,066,154 and for the six preceding months over \$24,000,000 in dividends. The Homestake of Leadville, Colo., has produced in twenty-three years \$65,000,000 and has paid nearly \$10,000,000 in clean dividends, and the Homestake of South Dakota has been paying quarterly dividends of \$105,000 regularly for over a year.

These are but a few figures gathered at random here and there but they are not worth considering when comparing mining with other industries?—San Francisco Mining Review.

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