

**GRIZZLY COPPER ROCK.****Tunnel Runs Over a Large Body of Good Ore.**

Development at the Grizzly Gold Mining company's property near town has been going on steadily all summer and the advancement has been recorded in the columns of THE MINER from time to time, but within the past week the company has made the most important discovery of all, in the fact that its tunnel has been run directly over a large body of good copper ore, the ledge of which is fully fifty feet, with what at present shows a six to eight-foot pay streak. The copper indications have been showing for several weeks, until the tunnel, which was gaining in vertical depth all the time, ran directly into a body of ore.

E. Sanderson Smith, who is well known to be a conservative, careful and reliable mining man, was out to the summit last week and says without hesitation: "The Grizzly property has surprised me beyond measure and is certainly the best prospect I have seen in this section. The chances of it making a mine are almost beyond doubt, as depth is attained."

Just what this new body of ore carries in values has not been learned at this time. If its principal values are in copper, the company has the gratifying knowledge that there is another ledge with gold values, above the one now in question. It is to be hoped the management of the Grizzly company will decide to increase the force and more extensively develop this property, as it is apparently justified in doing.

**SEVEN EIGHTS OF A BILLION.****America's Mineral Wealth Produced in One Year.**

A press dispatch from Washington under date of November 25 says: David I. Day, chief of the division of mining and mineral resources of the United States geological survey, has completed the annual summary of the mineral production of the United States from 1890 to 1899 inclusive. The total value of all the minerals produced during the last calendar year amounted to \$876,008,046, against \$607,820,790 in 1899, an increase of \$278,188,226, or practically 40 per cent. This increase was the most notable in the history of the mineral industry, the previous largest increase being from 1890 to 1895, when the value advanced about 18 per cent. The production from 1890 to 1898 has exceeded \$600,000,000 in every year except two, the panic years of 1893 and 1894. The average yearly production from 1890 to 1898 inclusive was \$618,286,510, making the production in 1899, \$259,721,536, or 58 per cent in excess of the average for that period.

The greatest increase in 1899 was in the value of pig iron product, which increased to \$245,172,654, or about 110 per cent over 1898. The enormous increase was due to the phenomenal demand and high prices. The increase in coal production added over \$48,000,000, or 23 per cent, to the 1898 value. Copper increased nearly 60,000,000 pounds in quantity and over \$42,000,000 in value, the ruling prices being higher than for a number of years past. Crude petroleum advanced nearly \$20,000,000, or about 45 per cent, due principally to advanced prices, the production increasing less than 4 per cent. The value of the natural gas consumed in 1899 is placed at a little over \$20,000,000, against \$15,300,000, due entirely to the higher prices charged.

An increase of about 10 per cent, or from \$64,463,000 in 1898 to \$71,053,400 in 1899, is shown in gold production. The production in silver showed a very small

increase. Lead production decreased 6 per cent, but increased over \$2,000,000 in value. Spelter increased to 119,408 short tons, valued at \$13,751,920.

The building stone industry increased nearly \$8,000,000.

The total value of the metallic product in 1899 was \$527,218,084, an increase of 54 per cent. Nonmetallic product increased 27 per cent to \$447,790,864. Every year since 1889 to 1898, inclusive, the value of the nonmetallic production has exceeded the metallic, but in 1899 the metallic exceeded by \$79,500,000. A change of nearly \$90,000,000 occurred in the relative values between 1898 and 1899.

Unprecedented activity and advanced values, the report says, were shown in nearly every branch of the mining industry during 1899.

**Silver Mining Will Continue Profitable.**

When the currency situation in India is considered, it is not surprising that the price of silver is advancing. It has been found impossible to do business solely on a gold basis. The enormous demand for silver rupees in the interior and the depletion of the treasury as far as the white metal was concerned, forced the government to purchase silver in large quantities. The president of Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at a recent meeting bears this statement out in these words: "Although the desired steadiness in exchange was fairly maintained, the supply of rupees, in the absence of internal demand for gold, proved insufficient and the authorities were compelled to purchase nearly four millions sterling (\$20,000,000) worth of bar silver during the current year, in order to increase the circulation. The profit on this would yield the government a surplus of a million and a half. But, whether such an adventitious aid to the revenue was desirable, from the economic standpoint, was debatable." With China calling for silver in quantities to meet the demand for subsidiary coins and the necessity for silver in the Philippines, silver mining is likely to continue to be profitable.—San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 18.**

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ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE MONIES FROM WHICH TREASURER MAY RECEIVE COMMISSION, AND AMENDING SECTION SIX OF ORDINANCE NUMBER THREE.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Sumpter:

SECTION 1. That section six of ordinance number three, entitled, "An ordinance fixing the bonds of the Treasurer of the Town of Sumpter, his compensation and defining his duties," be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. The salary of the Town Treasurer for all services rendered in connection with his official duties as Town Treasurer, shall be three per cent of all monies received for revenue only; the same not including money borrowed for municipal purposes, or donations; and for such services he shall cause to be drawn a warrant for same each and every month, which shall be paid in their regular order.

Enrolled November the 24th, A. D. 1900.

Passed the Common Council November the 24th, A. D. 1900.

Approved by the Mayor his 24th day of November, 1900.

W. H. GLEASON,  
Mayor of the Town of Sumpter.

Attest: E. L. MASSING,  
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