

MUST BUILD RAILWAYS

Would Develop the District and Build Up Sumpter.

What is required to make the mining of ores profitable and also make Sumpter the city it ought to be? The first step of the greatest importance is cheap transportation, either by a system of tramways or narrow gauge railroads. To show the importance, one cannot do better than see what this has done for the benefit of other places.

At Central City, Colorado, there is a system of narrow gauge railroads winding in every direction, up hill and down, hauling ore in not over two ton cars to the stamp mills of Central City and Black Hawk, without which the immense amount of ore could not be treated at a profit.

At Deadwood, South Dakota, there are two systems of narrow gauge roads and both go to nearly every mine. Both put up ore bins at their own expense for the miner to dump his ore into.

This ore is hauled to the different reduction works at the railway freight charge of one dollar per ton, and there is daily transported over these roads 700 tons of ore that by wagon freight would leave no profit whatever to the owners. The steepest grade on this road is 440 feet per mile, showing that where teaming is possible a railroad is also.

What would such a system mean if carried out to every mining camp in this district? At the present time it would mean the shipment of hundreds of tons of ore to reduction works at a profit, that cannot begin to be moved now. It would also lead to the same results it has at Deadwood and other places; suitable reduction works for the treatment of the different kinds of ores in Sumpter. It would put hundreds and hundreds of men to work at good wages.

How many prospects of today would produce from one to two tons and over per day and would pay their own way and make themselves into mines, that today are hardly able to struggle along? This question is one of the most vital importance to the whole community, and if properly placed before capital could show nothing else than a good, profitable financial business undertaking. That there are both mines and splendid prospects that will make mines nobody acquainted with the district can dispute. This being the case, such an enterprise cannot help but succeed. But like any other undertaking, it takes money and lots of it, and what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. C. R. T.

Express Companies as "Highway Robbers."

Some members of the legislature could accomplish an excellent piece of work by making an effort to abate the abuse of excessive express charges. The express companies are allowed to charge what they choose for carrying parcels and as they have a monopoly of this carrying business, greed only is a barrier to their extortion. They collect more than the traffic will bear, frequently charging more than certain packages are worth, frequently collecting double charges because of their bungling methods. Whenever a person pays the express charges on a package he should demand a receipt and getting, it mail it to the person to whom he sends the package. There are any number of instances where collections are made from both the consignee and consignor, the express companies excusing themselves whenever they are caught by attributing such carelessness to a "mistake on the part of some employe." There is no interest that needs regulating by legislative act as much as the express

companies, for there is no "graft" that is worked so persistently and with so much result at the expense of the public for the benefit of a few than that of these companies. The newspapers of Oregon owe it to the people that support them to agitate this matter and keep at it until the abuses are abated.—East Oregonian.

HOW COLORADO BECAME GREAT

By Advertising to the World Its Vast Mineral Wealth.

Secretary Hard, of the Oregon Mining Stock exchange, in conversation yesterday relative to the encouragement Oregon has given to the mining man, stated that in 1889 Colorado only produced a little over \$3,000,000 in gold, which is about the amount produced in Oregon last year. Nearly all of the producing gold mines in Oregon have been known of all this time.

"Without reviewing Oregon's history," said Mr. Hard, "here is found the key to Colorado's success. That which is the most attractive is what one wants to put forward. Colorado, though a magnificent agricultural state, advertises herself as a mining state. They said they had gold there. They told the whole world about it. They talked mining, they engaged in mining themselves, they developed the mines and they made fortunes out of mining. They built smelters, they built railroads. They were the first to come to the assistance of the United States treasury when there appeared to be a deficiency of gold in the treasury. The world over, you hear of Colorado, and if mining is mentioned you think of Colorado.

"Last year Colorado produced in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000 in gold, which was about one-half of the mineral output of Colorado. It is astonishing and hardly credible, but statistics show it, that even in Colorado the agricultural product within one or two years has exceeded the product of mining in that state. Yet, agriculture is not the drawing card. It is the mines that have attracted attention to Colorado and made her the wonder state of the whole world.

"I think I can say without dispute that Oregon has as many and as large gold mines as Colorado had ten years ago. If Oregon would only put her best foot forward. Timbermen want timber, farmers want farms, but everybody wants mines. The state of Oregon should take this in hand. Portland should, second, third and fourth every effort."—Telegram.

Another Rich Strike in the Bonanza.

Word reached this city from what is considered a reliable source, that a wonderful ore body was recently opened up in the Bonanza mine. It is said to be the most marvelously rich and extensive strike that has ever been made in the eastern Oregon gold fields. The strike was made on the 30-foot level in drifting from the shaft. The ore body is said to be from eight to ten feet wide and to discount the famous Golconda and Belle Baker strikes in richness and extent. While in most instances this exceedingly rich ore lies in pockets, in some instances it seems to be a continuous shoot. The ore on this level is said to average up in the hundreds, while a large percentage of it goes up into the thousands of dollars per ton. The foundation is being laid for new hoisting machinery of sufficient capacity for deep sinking operations. The machinery is expected to arrive in this city within a few days. Included in the shipment of machinery are new air compressors of the most modern design and standard make. When this new machinery shall have been installed, the force at the mine will be greatly increased. Our informant says that sufficient ore has already been blocked out to keep the mill running for years.—Democrat.

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