

MINING INVESTMENTS.

Large Profits Attracting Attention of Conservatives.

It is undeniable that the most influential business men of the world have turned their attention to mining, the source of nearly all wealth; for persons who have been enslaved to the idea that the only safe proposition was a 5-per-cent or 6-per-cent security now realize that many millions of interest have been lost to them through heeding the advice of those interested in cheap money, and that among the banking institutions of the west 18 and 20 per cent per annum is not considered a hazardous western profit or excessive dividend on the great majority of our gilt-edged mining securities; and, further, the richest men in the world are mining kings, many of whom have grown powerful through the proper application of originally a moderate capital, and it is proven that while millions of dollars have been lost in railroads, farm mortgages, eastern industries and building associations, the American mining industry steadily advances, making enormous profits for its supporters, building great states and cities, and points with pride to the American possession of 253 mines that have paid in dividends over \$652,000,000.

In mining investments extremely large amounts are not necessary to make one successful, for the man of moderate means, properly advised, has opportunities of quickly doubling his capital. Under incorporation greatest achievements are made possible through combining the limited sums of thousands, thus equaling the capital of the individual millionaire, making possible gigantic undertakings that are productive of enormous revenue. The dollar of the man of moderate means is equally as powerful as the dollar of the money king. Both serve their purpose; both are entitled to their proportionate profits.

In legitimate mining a 25 per cent dividend is not considered startling, and the mining interests of the west are willing to pay that interest for the use of money. For, by the aid of capital, they open up tremendous ore bodies that lead to still greater fortune. The employment of \$10,000 in mining is the equivalent of \$40,000 in almost any other branch of industry.

For years the wondrous profits of the metal industries have been whispered among investors, who were apparently afraid to let their neighbors know that they were identified in mining, but the recent efforts of the financial czars of the world in forming combinations to control first the markets of the miner through the "Smelting Trust," and then the mines through the "Amalgamated Copper Trust," have opened the eyes of the conservative and moderate investor, and they are making efforts to obtain their share of the metallic wealth which nature has spread so lavishly.

Nature has laid her treasures in the mountain recesses of the west. The American miner searches them out. Eastern money makes possible their conversion into bullion, and the joint results of the miner and the capitalists make possible the tremendous profits that signalize successful mining—New York Herald.

Power Hoist for Gold Bug Grizzly.

The Gold Bug-Grizzly, in Sumpter camp, which is operated by J. J. Hennessey and John Helberg, of Spokane, is to have a new plant. The machinery, which has been ordered from the Bradley Engineering & Machinery company, will include a 50 horse power hoist with a boiler and a large sinking pump. The property is said to have a promising quartz showing, and they mean to go ahead rapidly with development.—Spokesman-Review.

Strout, assayer, 361 Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, established in Colorado in 1876, gold (crucible assay), 50c; gold and silver, 75c; gold, silver, copper, \$1.50; forty years practice.

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The Man Behind the Pick.

There has been all kinds of gush about the man who is behind,
And the man behind the cannon has been toasted, wine and dined.
There's the man behind the musket, and the man behind the fence;
And the man behind his whiskers, and the man behind his rents;
And the man behind the plow beam, and the man behind the hoe;
And the man behind the ballot, and the man behind the dough;
And the man behind the counter, and the man behind the hill;
And the man behind the pestle, and the man behind the pill;
And the man behind the jimmy, and the man behind the bars;
And the Johnny that goes swooping on the stage behind the stars;
And the man behind the kisser, and the man behind the fist;
And the girl behind the man behind the gun is on the list;
And the man behind the bottle, and when they were short of men,
There was some small rhymster warbled of the man behind the pen;
But they missed one honest fellow, and I'm raising of a kick;
They didn't make a mention of the man behind the pick.

Up the rugged mountain side a thousand feet he takes his way,
Or as far into the darkness from the cheering light of day:
He is shut out from the sunlight, in the glimmer of the lamps;
He is cut off from the sweet air in the sickly fumes and damps;
He must toil in cramped positions, he must take his life in hand,
For he works in deadly peril that but few can understand,
But he does it all in silence, and he seldom makes a kick,
Which is why I sing the praises of the man behind the pick.
He unlocks the bolted portals of the mountain to the stores
Hid in Nature's vast exchequer in her treasure house of ores.
He applies the key dynamic and the gates are backward rolled,
And the ancient rocks are riven to their secret heart of gold.
Things of comfort and of beauty and of usefulness are mined,
By this brave and quiet worker; he's a friend of humankind,
Who, though tramped down and underpaid, toils on without a kick,
So I lift my hat in honor to the man behind the pick.

—BURT A. JUDD, Hesperus, Colorado, in Dever Post.



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