

SUSANVILLE MINING NEWS.

Outlook for that Camp was Never Before More Favorable.

Bob Marshall, of Susanville, was in the city Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Marshall, who owns a valuable placer claim in that district and who is also superintending the Muldrick placer claims, is one of old timers, having crossed the plains in 1853, locating in California, where he mined for a short time and then followed his trade as a stonemason at San Francisco, assisting in the building of several of the lighthouses on the coast. Mr. Marshall says the mining outlook in the Susanville camp is exceedingly bright. The Badger mine is employing about 60 men and several girls are also employed sorting ore. In a few days teams will commence hauling the ore to Sumpter, from where it will be shipped to the smelter at San Francisco. This ore runs as high as \$800 to the ton and continues to get richer as depth is attained.

The Stockton claim, owned by Ames & Simmons, and adjoining the Badger, shows up good. Work was commenced on this claim last week with a small force of men. In a short time a larger force will be put to work. Most of the ore from this claim is sufficiently rich to ship to San Francisco, averaging about \$50 to the ton.

The Empire mine, lying due north of the Badger, a distance of about a half mile, has lately resumed operations. A shaft is being sunk and from tests made last fall with an arastra, flattering results were obtained.

Hughes & Co., of Washington, have lately purchased the Stevenson claims and will start operations in about a week. The claims showed up remarkably well last season.

The Keeney Brothers have started up their mine on Macey ridge, with good results.

The Beesons, of Long Creek, have also opened up their claim on Big creek.

A company of Chinamen is at present operating the Sloan & Haskell placers, working two shifts.

The Gem of the Mountains, which is one of the best claims in that district, is owned by J. H. Blake, of this city—Grant County News.

MINING MACHINERY COMBINE.

Includes Four of the Big Concerns With a Capital of \$25,000,000.

Mining men are looking forward with much interest to the consolidation of the different companies which make mining machinery. Advices from Chicago say that the immense new corporation will probably be organized in about ten days, when it will take possession of the field.

The new trust, which is expected to have a capital of \$25,000,000, may be known either as the American Engineering company or as the Allis-Chalmers-Gates corporation.

It will take over the four firms that at present practically control the market for mining machinery—the E. P. Allis company, of Milwaukee, famous all over the world for high class engines; the Frazer & Chalmers company, of Chicago, the leader in concentrating and milling machinery; the Gates Iron works, of Chicago, which has won a high reputation for its crushing machinery, and the Dixon Manufacturing company, of Scranton, Pa., which turns out pumps of all descriptions. It is believed that the new trust will centralize its efforts by having each plant turn out chiefly the particular type of machinery for which it has made a standard. Thus the Allis branch would make engines almost exclusively, and the Gates plant would turn out crushers.

All of the firms except the Dixon company have agents in Spokane. It is supposed the agencies will be consolidated into one large bureau.

"The new corporation will not effect

the price of the smaller machinery," such as is used in the majority of the mines," said a man who is in close touch with the trust, yesterday. "The combination has been formed to give the manufacturers a fair profit on the big contracts. Competition has been so keen for these big pieces of work that margins have been shaved away almost to nothing. It is expected that the amalgamated company will do away with ruinous price cutting of that sort, and will name legitimate living figures for the work.

"There will be a big saving in the expense of traveling men, for only one agent will need be sent, where three or four are now dispatched."—Spokesman-Review.

SURPRISES IN MINING.

History of the Industry a Long Series of Unexpected Happenings.

The placer gold strike at Republic and resulting rush is a fresh reminder that Nature guards closely her treasure vaults. For five years hundreds of prospectors and miners have passed over the auriferous ground, and from 1000 to 2000 people have resided within rifle shot, but coarse gold was not considered a possibility.

Extensive development for 20, 30 and even 40 years has not exhausted the surprises of western mining camps. Forty-two years ago Leadville, Colorado, was a booming placer camp. When the placers gave out the miners abandoned the place. Twenty years later the old camp "boomed" as never before. Carbonates had been struck, and it was learned that the deserted camp contained such silver wealth as the world had not known since the days of the Comstock. Fifteen or twenty years later Leadville developed still other surprises in its gold belt.

A number of the old gold camps of Colorado, are still producing their millions after 42 years of continuous yielding.

Similar surprises are written in the annals of Northwestern mining. Nearly 40 years ago the government of British Columbia built a trail to accommodate the movement to the Wild Horse placers in East Kootenay. It ran across the outskirts of the present town of Rossland. Thousands of gold hunters traveled this trail, within rifle shot of quartz ledges which could not be bought today for \$10,000,000.

The Coeur d'Alenes have their surprises. Large part of the dividends which make these camps noted come from ore bodies in claims adjacent to the famous old producers—claims whose titles are scarcely known to the public or the mining world. It took 15 years of stupendous development to demonstrate the value of these adjacent claims. From great depths in the old workings the diamond drill was pushed long distances into the country rock, and the hidden ore bodies were pierced.

All of which proves that we have not begun to exhaust the mineral wealth of the Pacific northwest. Nature has laid before us a great volume, and we have read but a page or two. In these vast mineral mountains there is undreamt of wealth. The forests, the "drift" and the solid rock conceal treasure chambers destined to afford employment for ages, and to create fortunes for many a hopeful prospector now in the hills with his pack upon his back, and many a miner swinging his pick or hammer or holding a drill.—Spokesman-Review.

Ingersoll-Sargent Drills in Great Favor.

S. G. Murray, manager of the Ingersoll-Sargent Drill company's Salt Lake branch, spent all of last week in the various districts of this section, in the interest of his house. This company is furnishing nearly all the machine drills used in the mines about here, the Bonanza and Golconda using the compressors and drills exclusively, while the Columbia, Red Boy, Crown Point also have the drills. Mr. Murray has taken other orders on this trip for early delivery here. The catalogue for compressors and drills can be had free upon application to the Salt Lake house.

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