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GEOLOGICAL BULLETINE.

Gold and Silver Compared With Other Mineral Products.

Some ten months ago a comparison was made between the value of the gold and silver products of the United States and the value of other groups of our mineral products as set forth by the United States Geological Survey in "Mineral Resources of the United States," for the calendar year 1900. The annual volume for 1901, just issued, permits a similar comparison for last year.

In round numbers, the value of the gold product was \$78,000,000, and of the silver product the value was \$71,000,000 as money (coining value), and \$33,000,000 as metal (commercial value). As metals, then, gold and silver products were valued at a little less than \$112,000,000; as money, they were worth \$150,000,000. The corresponding figures for 1900 were \$115,000,000 and \$153,000,000—a loss for 1901 of over three millions.

The copper produced in 1901 valued at \$87,000,000; the lead was valued, as in 1900, at \$23,000,000; and zinc was produced to the value of over \$11,000,000. The copper, lead and zinc products 1901 were worth \$9,000,000 more as metals than our gold and silver were worth as metals, although the value of the copper product was \$11,000,000 less than in 1900.

The combined values of abrasive materials, of chemical materials, of pigments and of other miscellaneous minerals, amounting to about \$38,000,000 in 1901, show that they were worth almost half as much as the gold produced, and about \$5,000,000 more than silver as a metal.

The structural materials produced in 1901, the building stone, the clay products, the cements, valued at

about \$182,000,000, exceeded the gold and silver by \$70,000,000, if the commercial or metal value of silver is taken, and by \$32,000,000, if silver is taken, at its coining value.

Iron ore and its products, the metallic basis of our civilization, increased notably in quantity but decreased in still greater proportions in value in 1901 as compared with 1900. Yet, notwithstanding a loss of nearly \$18,000,000 in value as compared with 1900, the pig iron produced in 1901 exceeded the metal value of the gold and silver by \$130,000,000, and their combined coining value by \$95,000,000.

Compared with the mineral fuels, coal, petroleum, and natural gas, produced in 1901, the combined coining value of the gold and silver is exceeded by \$292,000,000, and the combined metallic value is as \$112,000,000 to \$442,000,000, an excess of \$330,000,000 of the necessary fuels over the precious metals.

Christmas Number of the Deseret News.

Last year the Deseret News, of Salt Lake, issued a very handsome illustrated Christmas edition on Utah and Colorado, which has been excelled by few of the large dailies of the country. This year the News will issue a Christmas number on Utah and Idaho and the resource of those two states will be attractively set forth and will be well illustrated with half-toned views. Parties desiring information in regard to either of these states will find what they are looking for in the Christmas number of the Deseret News.

T. G. Harrison, agent for Giant powder company.

All the latest novelties in hats at Neill Mercantile company's.

No headaches from Giant powder.

SILVER'S LOWEST PRICE.

Sells at San Francisco and New York for 47 1/4 Cents an Ounce.

A New York dispatch, dated November 26, says: Today's further declines in the prices of silver fixed a new low record in the history of the world. Silver was quoted here at 47 1/4 cents per ounce, and the same quotation was named by San Francisco. London dealers offered only 21 7/8d per ounce.

The low price was much commented upon in banking circles, causing much uneasiness among exporters and merchants of this country doing business with China and other points in the far east. To bankers, however, the most significant news of the day were the cable advices to the effect that the Siamese government had instructed the mint to cease immediately the coinage of silver.

Coincident also with this development was the decline today of silver at Bombay to a level several points below London. An interesting feature of the drop in silver was the advantage reaped by laundrymen and small merchants of the Mott street district through being able to purchase silver bills at so low a rate. They flocked down town today, cash in hand, sending heavy remittances to friends at home. Most of them were surprised at the large sums allowed for the amount turned in.

A wire from Manila of the same date says: Silver has suffered a further decline in value. The government has issued a proclamation making the official rate 260 for 100 gold. The former rate was 250.

The possibility of the adoption by the Straits Settlements of a gold standard and reports current that Mexico is about to abandon the silver standard have greatly weakened the Indian and

Asiatic silver market. Large quantities of Mexican silver are coming here from China, as it is believed that much gold is being circulated here on account of government expenditures. The fact is that American trade is going to China and losses in silver are seriously affecting the insular treasury and business interests generally. Rapidly changing rates embarrass the business houses, making it almost impossible to fix prices. The native officials are beginning to petition for the payment of their salaries in gold, and the demand for fixed state currency is universal. The secretary of finance says:

"There is nothing to indicate a more hopeful future for the currency question. It will probably be as bad as now, if not worse, until congress acts and gives us a stable currency."

STOCKS FOR SALE

Table listing various stocks for sale with prices: Byson .01, Archuleta Oil .06, Navajo Oil .10, Constellation .08, Sumpter Gail Borden .01, Maryland .03, Listen Lake 2.00, Northwestern Con. 1.25

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