

KILLED BY A CAVE IN.

W. L. Stapleton Meets Death at the Monumental Mine.

It is not often that a fatal accident in a mine in this district has to be recorded. As a rule all under ground work is substantially timbered and the safety of employees carefully looked after.

Last Wednesday morning, about 9:30, at the Monumental mine, north of Granite, W. L. Stapleton was caught by about 2500 pounds of falling rocks and so badly injured that he died at 11 o'clock that night.

When examined by Dr. Steincamp, of Granite, it was found that the skull was fractured and the only other cut on his person being on the left arm above the elbow, and but few bruises were found on his body elsewhere.

Oscar Benson, who has charge of the work at the mine, gives the following account of the accident:

"At the moment Mr. Stapleton was struck by the falling rock I was about eight feet from the face of the drift, and the first intimation I had of anything unusual occurring was the sound of the rock and a groan from Mr. Stapleton. He was several feet from me shoveling into a car, and when I got to him was in a sitting position, covered to his shoulders with rocks and dirt. He did not speak after being struck, but groaned continually. It took me sometime to get him from under the dirt, after which I carried him to the blacksmith shop at the mouth of the tunnel, where I left him. Telling his wife of the accident, I then came to town for medical aid."

Mr. Stapleton has been employed at the Monumental for about eight months. He was well known and respected in the community as an upright and honest man. He was 30 years old last May, and leaves a wife and little son, three years of age, to mourn his untimely death; also parents at Clinton, Mo., two married sisters, one at Clinton, the other at Kansas City, and Miss Cora Stapleton, of Granite. He was a nephew of S. W. and G. H. Gutridge, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Grant Thornburg all of Granite.

The funeral was held at Granite on last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased.

A GIRL PROSPECTOR

Goes out at Midnight and For Herself Locates a Claim.

Nearly every mining district in the far west has its female prospector, and as a rule, greatly have they been admired for their courage while tramping over the mountains hampered by skirts and other impedimenta of their sex.

To much praise cannot be bestowed by the boys in overalls and jumpers on the girl or woman who like themselves, has the laudable ambition to acquire in an honorable manner, one or more mineral claims which belong to the person who has the energy to secure it when vacant.

Miss Jessie McCubben, of Alamo, Grant county, apparently is one of those ambitious young ladies who are determined to succeed in life, and intends to help herself on to fortune by means of a gold mine.

The remainder of this story is told in correspondence from Alamo to the Granite Gem as follows:

"Very little relocating was done New Years, one case, however, is worthy of note. It was that of the belle of Alamo,

Miss Jessie McCubben of the St Charles, who alone and unaided braved the storms of the night and as the old year sank into oblivion, posted a notice on a claim situated on upper Lightning creek. The claim has 600 feet of tunnel and an excellent showing. Very few girls could muster up sufficient courage to perform such a feat. But Alamo girls are different from the majority. Success to the Belle of Alamo."

Contract Let on the Ajax.

Several days since E. Sanderson Smith let a contract to Superintendent Graham, of the Magnolia, to clean out a bad cave-in in the Ajax tunnel, an adjoining property. As soon as this work is finished, another contract will be let to drive this, which is a drift on the ledge, ninety feet to an intersecting vein. This latter vein has been opened up on the surface for over 400 feet, and shows astonishingly high values in free gold. Every one who is familiar with the conditions there believe a sensationally rich strike will be made when this ledge is cut, which will be at a depth of nearly 500 feet. Mr. Smith, R. H. Miller and J. W. Connella have a working bond on the Ajax. It was owned by Superintendent Graham, Al Jones and others.

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GLADSTONE GROUP.

Inter-State Mining Company Still Pushing Ahead.

W. H. Mead, the Spokane mining man who has been developing the Gladstone group, ten miles north west of Sumpter, for himself and associates for some time, came in from Whitney on Monday and returned Tuesday. When Mr. Mead arrived from St Paul and Spokane about ten days ago, he had drafts for quite a sum of money with which to purchase a group of claims in the vicinity of those he is developing.

Those drafts are now laid away, to be used on another deal or returned to Mr. Mead's financial associates as he sees fit, for the party owning the claims had raised the price to such a figure that he and Mr. Mead could not close a dicker. The question now is, which of the two will be the better pleased as time rolls on.

Regarding the Gladstone group, the crosscut tunnel is now in 105 feet. Two leads which show no evidence of their existence on the surface, have been crossed. One is one foot and the other sixteen feet wide. Both carry pay values in gold. No drifting has been done on either as yet, the company being determined to push the main tunnel on to the big vein they are running for before doing any additional prospecting.

It is not improbable but that the Inter-State Mining company, this being the name of the incorporation, will acquire other holdings in this district. The company is a close corporation, no stock being for sale to outsiders.

It will require nearly 200 feet yet of tunnel before the main lead is cut. The showing that will then be made will probably tell how much Mr. Mead's company will invest in the surrounding country.

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