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LOSS IMPOSSIBLE
A BUSINESS CONCERN
BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Forest Mining Company

An investment in the stock of this company is better than an investment in Bonds. Two shifts of men now engaged sinking a shaft on the Storm King Group of Mines. The shaft is in ore all the way down * * *

Storm King Group, Cable Cove District, January 4th, 1903.

T. J. Costello,

President Forest Mining Co.

Dear Sir: Since our crew returned to work on the 26th of December, work has steadily progressed. We are now in better ore than we were when we laid off for Christmas. My last average sample assayed \$82.45 Gold; \$6.18 Silver, and 3 per cent Copper. The ore is now becoming more impregnated with Galena.

Respectfully,

J. L. CODY, Superintendent.

We solicit your thorough investigation of our system and methods.

Write for Reports, Prospectus, and Maps of this Great Group of Mines.

...Advance Mining Co...

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LOW GRADE ORE IS ATTRACTIVE

Manipulating Is Compared With a Manufacturing Industry.

It has been one of the aims of THE MINER to impress upon its readers and the press of this country that information concerning large bodies of medium or low grade ore existing in this section, would have a greater tendency towards bringing mining men of experience and capital hither, than any great publicity regarding pocket finds or rare specimens of great richness.

It is gratifying to know that the Journal for Investors has this same opinion practically, as in the last issue it has this to say:

As more information is forthcoming in relation to the accomplishments of the various mining camps of Colorado during the year recently ended, it becomes more evident that tremendous strides were made in the matter of the profitable treatment of low-grade ore.

While new high-grade camps may be found, the future of the mining industry of America is dependent principally upon the handling of a lower grade product.

The industry of a low-grade camp is of necessity upon a more substantial basis than that of a high-grade district.

High-grade deposits, as a rule, are erratic in their occurrences, and the development of high-grade mines is for the most part speculative.

Low-grade deposits, as a general thing

are much larger and more regular than the others.

Fascinating as is the operation of high-grade producers, the low-grade proposition appeals more to the conservative element, for once the process for successfully handling the product is determined, it becomes practically a manufacturing proposition.

The successful operation of a low-grade mine invariably is dependent upon the handling of a maximum tonnage at a minimum of expense.

The same business shrewdness and conservative business judgement is required to successfully operate a low-grade producer, as in the handling of a large mercantile or manufacturing establishment.

The successful operation of low-grade mines is the result of the scientific application of economic principles to mining.

The mining and milling machinery of a low-grade producer represents the highest form of mechanical achievement as applied to mining.

Great wealth is represented in our low-grade ore deposits.

It does not, however, necessarily follow that every low-grade deposit will develop into a Homestake or an Alaska Treadwell.

The value of a low-grade deposit is dependent upon its amenability to some treatment process, railroad facilities, water, the machinery necessary to operate on the scale which alone can make the handling of it profitable, proper business management of the operations.

A mountain of ore of too low a grade to be profitably handled is valueless, no matter if, as some prospectuses show, the mountain is "all ore," and the ore is all "in sight."

Mining deeds for sale at this office.

AMERICA'S OLD PROSPECTOR

A Writers Description of Some of Our Most Optimistic Citizens.

The following tribute to the American prospector was written by a party who signs himself "Double Jack," and whose address is given as Dillon, Wyoming.

It is said that over four millions of the human race are actually engaged in mining. Probably one-half of this number are in the United States, while in the western States, including Alaska, are the greater part of these.

Mexico and Canada are great mining fields, and prospectors and miners of the Trans-Mississippi states make little distinction to the country in which they find ore; but the United States is given the preference, largely because of the mining laws and treatment and transportation facilities.

In this country the government is generous to the prospector, and holds especially for him and his occupation millions of acres of land. This land is given to him in blocks of a few acres and no restriction is placed as to the number of blocks one may hold, so long as he takes care of what is given him by annually improving and developing it.

The territory allotted to the miner in the western states is, as a rule, in the mountain regions, but he is also given wide areas in the lowlands, and a number of deserts are put aside for him where he often does well and produces

even great wealth from the sands. In short, his favored domain may be said to extend from Alaska to far beyond the Rio Grande, and he makes small choice between polar bears and tarantulas.

Taken as a class the miner is probably the most optimistic of all the American citizens—not even excepting the gambler. Life to him is a million dollar proposition and money making is not of slowly earning and saving, but of finding a life fortune all in a heap. The dream of wealth is not a periodic mental freak, but an abiding, ever-present psychological condition; and disappointment only serves to brighten the dream.

It is this abiding consciousness of being destined to find wealth that strengthens the prospector to endure more trying hardships than belong to the lives of citizens of any other occupation. It is this will-o-the-wisp that leads him cheerfully through privations which would cause the average easterner to give up the struggle even in its beginning.

In short, the old time "hard-shelled" prospector seems rather to court hardships, and the country that presents the most stubborn obstacles is the one where he seems to be most at home and most in hopes.

To Mine Owners and Prospectors

If you have a meritorious mine or prospect, and are not yourself a capitalist, you can, by co-operating with others similarly situated, sell your property in half the time and for double the money that you could get by your individual efforts.

In Union There is Strength

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