

SUN AS A MINING CAMP.

Startling Discovery of a Hoosier Astronomer.

Is Thunder Mountain out of the running? Is the next mining stampede to be to the sun? In the Indiana legislature the other day, when things got dull, a resolution was introduced providing for a trip to the sun, the resolution being based on certain discoveries which Prof. Young, an astronomer of Laporte, Indiana, alleges that he has made. The able Hoosier scientist, has startled the scientific world and set at naught the theories of other astronomers that the sun is a ball of fire throwing out flames thousands of miles in length, by the announcement of his astounding discovery that the fiery orb is the abode of men, but is in fact the ground work of the greatest mining camp ever discovered, with the exception, of course, of Butte.

With the aid of the solarscope, an astronomical instrument invented by himself, Prof. Young claims to have made the most important discoveries of the age, and has revealed the hitherto unknown relations between the sun and the elements of the earth and earthly life. Prof. Young declares that in the crystal depths of his solarscope he has beheld on the surface of the sun "land with extended slopes of mountain sides with grand and precipitous heights, whose peaks are crowned with precious gems that glow with prismatic colors mingled with the green freshness of a perennial vegetation and floral radiance with which the most beautiful natural objects of the earth cannot compare, and from which come the colors of the rainbow."

Beyond these wonderful mountain slopes capped with precious gems that await the miner are great valleys and plains where vegetation is eternal, and where are located the dwelling places of exalted "sun-beings, who live at the fountain and source of all that mortals of the earth enjoy, and drink at the solar springs the sparkling water of endless life and bask in the life-giving rays of an atmosphere illuminated by the light of an eternal day."

These solar beings, Prof. Young declares, belong to a race of men who are intellectual giants, and whose stature is awe-inspiring. They are entirely of the best there is in mortal mentality, physically and morally. They are all of one nation. Harmony dwells supreme. Wars are unknown and peace is never interrupted, even by a strike. There is no gambling and therefore no grafting.

Prof. Young makes the startling announcement that on the lower portion of one of the sun spots he has discovered indisputable proofs of the presence on the orb of fire of men. This, he says, is in the form of two huge shafts which have the appearance of monuments or signalling towers. Prof. Young says these shafts are constructed of what appears to be red sandstone. They are 50,000 miles in height, the pinnacle of each shaft being surmounted by a huge crystal, probably a diamond five miles in diameter, which flashes out for thousands of miles its gleaming rays. Colonel Dewey has absolutely nothing to equal it in Thunder Mountain, and so far the lowest

levels of Butte have nothing to surpass it.

The Indiana man of science makes the further important statement that the sun is an opaque body and the center of electric power, surrounded by an absolute non-conductive element similar to that of the earth's atmosphere, but without vapor. He says this great opaque body is illuminated by the converging streams of electricity passing through the atmosphere before entering the body of the sun from the infinite void of darkness and space beyond. The diverging rays of the same force, he declares, pass through the sun on their way out on the opposite side of the sphere into the same vast realm of infinity. Thus the incoming and outgoing streams of electric energy meet with constant resistance of the non-conductive element and are evolved in light and heat.

With the perfecting and enlarging of this wonderful instrument, the solarscope, Prof. Young declares that within a short time he will be enabled to announce further discoveries, more startling than those he has already made.

It is a pity that the news of these great discoveries was not heralded in time for the Montana legislature to join with that of the Hoosier state in arranging a junket. We want our share of the blazing gems, and especially do we want a chunk of the diamond five miles in diameter.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

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