

MAY QUEEN.

Good Ore In Sight And Mill To Be Started This Fall.

John Thomsen, superintendent of the May Queen, who was in the city last week, states that he has drifted 120 feet on the ledge and has three feet of good milling ore. Six inches of the vein shows exceptionally good values, average assays running from \$30 to \$50. The working force at the mine was doubled the first of the month, and development work is being pushed with renewed vigor.

The ten stamp mill on the property will be started up within the next two or three weeks, Superintendent Thomsen says, for the purpose of testing the ore, and he is getting in his supply of wood to begin running permanently by fall. In the meantime it is his purpose to continue the drift and to sink 100 feet before starting the mill, thoroughly demonstrating the ore bodies and getting things generally in readiness.

MOVEMENT TO RATIONALIZE.

The Publication of United States Geological Reports Commended.

During the score or more years in which the government has undertaken to carry on systematic and scientific geological work the policy as to publication of the reports and results of the annual work has changed several times. Until the last change at no time has it been generally accepted that the change was for the better. Now, however, a rational policy seems to have prevailed. In conformity with laws enacted by the last congress, under the inspection of Director Charles D. Walcott, of course, the United States geological survey bill discontinues the entombment of reports and results in the ponderous and dreary annual reports and instead will give out promptly and in current form as bulletins and professional papers the results of the work and the annual report will be reserved for administrative and general data. The bulletins were published heretofore, although somewhat tardily, but the economic reports which formerly accompanied the annual report will now be published promptly as "Professional Papers," quarto in size and including maps. These and the bulletins are distributed free of charge.

These professional papers will be a real advance and a distinct economy for the survey also. Persons interested in special subjects can thus secure the data relating thereto without an accompanying burden of dry administrative reports or an armful of reports on subjects unrelated or uninteresting. These papers can be gotten before the public with little delay and at a comparatively small cost.

But the real advance has been in a distinct recognition of the utility to the public of the data collected by the survey. Under the new policy the press is given in advance general notices of forthcoming publications of the survey and where possible the survey sends out a popular summary of the work in the several districts for publication in the local and technical press. This advertises the work of the survey as nothing else could and gives fair notice to all of the availability of

the survey's results. In addition to this heralding of the publications of the survey there has been a distinct recognition of the economic bearings of the work. Bulletin No. 213, prepared under the direction of Messrs. S. F. Emmons and C. W. Hayes, geologists in charge, is devoted to contributions to economic geology in 1902. This bulletin summarizes all of the work of the survey for the year past and gives, stripped of all long-winded discussions of theories and nice adjustments of scientific points, the actual conditions and results under examination. The book is in convenient form and this and its prompt appearance are to be commended. It is concise yet full on essential points. The bibliography accompanying each subject is of great value.

This whole movement to rationalize the publications of the United States geological survey is to be commended.—Mining World.

POPULAR NORTH BEACH.

Excursion Steamer T. J. Potter Goes Into Service June 27.

Those who are planning their vacation this year will be interested in knowing that the popular excursion steamer, the T. J. Potter—queen of river boats—goes into service June 27, and that she will leave Portland, during the season, every day Tuesday until Saturday inclusive. To see the beauties of the picturesque and mighty Columbia from the decks of the Potter is a treat never to be forgotten. For speed and grace nothing in river or lake service in the entire west equals this side-wheeled beauty. Five hours from Portland and one from Astoria, through the famous fishing waters of the Columbia, past scores of salmon traps and nets and as many white-winged fish boats, lands the passenger at Ilwaco, where close connection is made for beach points with trains of the Ilwaco Railway & Navigation company, whose cars stand on the wharf awaiting the steamer. The beach is twenty-seven miles long, two hundred yards wide at low tide, and so hard that carriage wheels scarcely leave a mark. It is an ideal place for driving, riding, wheeling, or walking, and the surf bathing is unsurpassable. The excellent hotels and boarding houses provide good accommodations at prices ranging from one dollar to three dollars per day.

The round trip rate from Portland to Astoria is \$2.50; to Ocean Beach points \$4.00, good until October 15th. On Saturdays, during July and August, round trip tickets are sold to beach points at \$2.50, good for return leaving the beach the following Sunday evening.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has just issued a new summer book, (free for the asking) which tells all about the delightful resorts of the Valley of the Columbia River. This can be obtained from any agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, or by writing A. L. Craig, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

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