

MINING CONGRESS.

Interview From Judge Richards, President of Organization.

The following interview is from Judge J. H. Richards, of Boise, president of the American Mining Congress:

"The session of the congress promises to be the most interesting and eventful meeting which this organization has yet held. Its session two years ago in Boise is fresh in the recollection of our citizens, but since that time the association has greatly expanded in power, influence and means of usefulness and taken on a permanent existence by being incorporated under the laws of Colorado. Its present directorate contains the names of some of the brightest and brainiest mining men in the country, and the program and proceedings at Deadwood are going to be exceedingly worth while for every man who is interested in mining generally or gets his living out of it particularly. Specialists of world-wide reputation, such as John Hays Hammond and Judge Parker, of the coal commission, Walter Harvey Weed, of U. S. Geological Survey, and many others, will read papers and take an active part in discussion, and it is planned that every session shall embrace at least one topic which will be of special interest to every mining man present.

"Those who are familiar with Deadwood-Lead and the mining country around about it say that the congress is certainly to be congratulated upon the place selected for its meeting. There is no mining center in the whole country that is controlled by at more intelligent, progressive, big-hearted lot of men than Deadwood-Lead. Their mining industries are exceptionally prosperous and have attracted to their management and development the best class of executive ability and scientific knowledge from every part of the United States. In the Homestake, Deadwood-Lead possesses the second largest gold mine in the world, with its 900 stamps and enormous ore body, where the visiting miner may see the cyanide process applied to tailings at a cost of 35 cents per ton. This is only one of the points of interest in this section, which has distinguished itself for mineral production. Some 30 miles distant from Deadwood is the famous Spearfish district, with its peculiar flat veins, where the cyanide process is again employed to much advantage, and to which it is planned to run an excursion of mining men during the session of the congress.

"It is well known that the cyanide process is particularly adapted to a large class of Idaho ores, and when the high development that this process has reached in the Deadwood district is considered, it may readily be understood what an opportunity is presented to Idaho miners to become familiar with its workings through the facilities offered on this occasion. But the practical developments in the very latest application of scientific discoveries to mining processes will constitute only one department of interest, since it will be possible for the visitors from other mining sections not only to see for themselves the workings of these new inventions, but to associate

with the men who have made them.

"The executive committee of the congress, with the substantial and hearty co-operation of the mining men of Deadwood and its sister town of Lead, is preparing for this session of the congress on a scale never before attempted, and all the indications point to a meeting of representative mining men from all over the country of such magnitude that it will attract national attention. From the Pacific coast a round trip rate has been secured of one fare plus \$2, and it is hoped that the attendance of Idaho mining men may be such as to justify the chartering of a number of Pullmans, which will both reduce the cost of the journey and add to its comfort and attractiveness. Mining men from all over the state, prominent in their respective localities, have signified their intention of joining the Idaho delegation, and it is felt that the advantage of making this trip and taking part in their proceedings has only to be made known to the average progressive mining man to enlist his interest and insure a representation of our mining interests which will be worthy of their importance in this state.

"In this connection it ought to be borne in mind that the meeting of the congress will afford a splendid opportunity to the members of the Idaho delegations and other visiting Idahoans to advertise the mining resources of their state. Not only mining men from all over the country, but the representatives of mine investors and buying from all over the country, will be present at this session, eager to pick up any information which may be available as to the distinctive advantages of particular mining districts. Idaho must keep up with the procession in this respect, and the very fact that she has only to make her advantages known to attract attention to the mining world inspires the hope that her mining interests will receive a marked impetus from this meeting of the American Mining Congress."

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