

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

Having completed all the arrangements for the session of the American Mining congress in Portland and fixed the date as August 22 to 27, 1904, members of the executive committee of that organization left for their homes Saturday evening.

The committeemen are well pleased with their reception and entertainment in Portland, and predict a great crowd of mining men will visit this city to attend the congress.

The amount of money necessary to defray the expenses of office headquarters has practically been secured, and no trouble will be experienced in carrying on the meeting, from a financial standpoint. The expenses of the delegates will be paid by themselves. Secretary Mahon said to The Telegram this morning:

"I am pleased with the energy of the people of Portland. You have a beautiful city and an ideal convention town. Now that all arrangements are completed we will show the people of the west how to get a crowd together. There is no doubt, in my mind, and I speak from past experience, that Portland will have the largest crowd ever assembled for mining convention purposes.

"I believe that there can easily be brought here 15,000 people, but what can you do with them? Your hotels are inadequate to house that many. How will they be taken care of should they come? This is the subject now, I understand, however, that new hotels are being erected.

"The American Mining congress is composed of mining men, and the advent of such a number as will be here will be of great moment to Portland and Oregon. It is a well known fact that the mining man knows how to spend his money, and as all the delegates pay their own expenses it will be a valuable thing to Portland from a financial standpoint."

The meeting will last about a week, and is called for the middle of August. Secretary Mahon will establish headquarters here in February and employ a force of office help. Thousands of letters and circulars will be sent throughout the country each week, and will be most effective advertising for the Lewis and Clark fair, as it is all sent with a two-cent stamp.

A. L. Craig, general passenger agent for the O. R. N., has had a force of men working on a contour map of the state, which, when finished, will be the finest in the west. This map will be used in advertising the meeting of the congress and the Lewis and Clark exposition and will be distributed by the railroad companies.

The rate given for the meeting is the cheapest ever granted to a like organization.—Telegram.

MILL FOR THE MONITOR STARTED OUT TODAY

E. Simpson is in town today, on his way to Susanville, where he has acquired a property, the Monitor.

This is one of the old mines of the district and has considerable ore

blocked out.

He has bought a small mill and will install it on the property. It arrived some days since and was today loaded on wagons and started for its final destination. Mr. Robinson was awarded the contract for hauling the machinery. It was decided that it would be cheaper to load here than at Whitney, as the block and tackle and other apparatus for moving the heavy pieces would have to be transported out there.

Mr. Simpson is an old time Montana miner, but has been in eastern Oregon for a couple of years, operating most of the time on Burnt river and making his headquarters in Baker City. In future he will live in Sumpter, when not at the mine.

MAGNOLIA DEAL IS NOT CLOSED

The Magnolia deal has not been closed. It is still pending. Hon. Geo. J. Barrett, and other interested persons, returned this morning from Baker City, where they went to perfect the transaction. Burch and Burbridge, of Spokane, will take over the property, and operate it in connection with the Independence, and the intention was to sign the papers closing the deal in Baker City last night, but owing to the absence of Charlie Johns, attorney for the Englishmen who own an interest, nothing was concluded. Mr. Johns is at Eugene and on his return it is thought the papers will be signed and the deal closed.

GOOD ORE AT THE INDEPENDENCE MINE

George J. Barrett, who has charge of the development of the Independence for Burch & Burbridge, of Spokane, states that the shaft is now down 190 feet in ore of a satisfactory grade. The full width he says is in ore, but it is not the policy of the owners to state assay values.

The drift beyond the shaft has gone between 300 and 400 feet, and the showing here is highly satisfactory.

SHIPPING ORE FROM ALL DRIFTS

Reports from the E. and E. state that a force of sixty men is now being employed and ore is being stoped from practically all the drifts of the mine.

The mill is being gotten in shape for early resumption, and it is stated that operations will probably be started soon after the first of the year.

Start Work in King of West.

Andy Stinson left this morning to start work on the King of the West, near the Mammoth. It is his purpose to complete the assessment work for the year.

BIG PUMP PLANT FOR PINE CREEK

The moneyed eastern backers of the Merchants Gold Mining company, of Baker City, have arranged to install one of the largest placer mining pumping plants in Oregon to work the rich auriferous gravels of Pine creek, in which region the company owns a mineral estate of 800 acres.

The plant will consist of a mammoth centrifugal pump capable of handling 1,200 gallons per minute, which will deliver that amount of water through an 8000 foot pipe line to a reservoir, affording a sluiceway of approximately 1,000 feet. The water will be taken from Burnt river. The estimated cost of the pumping plant and pipe line is \$60,000, and according to the announcement made in Baker City yesterday by an officer of the Merchants company will be in operation by June 1. Orders have already been placed with Allis-Chalmers company for the pumps, which will be of a special design. Excavation at the reservoir is to be begun as early as the weather will permit.

The Merchants company is composed of prominent Baker City business and professional men, at the head of whom are Dr. E. B. McDaniel and W. J. Patterson, of the Queen City Furniture company. A controlling interest in the stock of the company was recently sold to a strong syndicate of eastern men.

The Pine Creek diggings are among the richest in eastern Oregon, and the holdings of the Merchants company embrace 8,000 feet of the creek bed and a wide area of bunch diggings. Part of the property now controlled by the Merchants company was formerly owned by Ex-Alderman P. D. Healy, of Sumpter, who still retains valuable ground.

They All Had Twins.

The Butchers and Grocery Clerks Journal is out with a pleasant little story of the mishaps of a set of clerks who didn't look to see what they were doing. During the past few years several manufacturing firms moved their plants outside of the city limits. One firm has moved this year, and as the majority of the clerks live in the city a certain amount of grace has been allowed as to the promptness of their arrival each morning. But they were supposed to explain on the time register the cause of any unpunctuality. The first to arrive late generally leads off with the words: "Train late." "Punctured a tire," etc, as the case may be, and to this the clerks invariably add "Ditto." So accustomed have they become to the formal procedure that they hardly ever take the trouble to see what excuse heads the list. The other morning the first arrival, who was late, conscientiously penciled in the words "Wife had twins this morning," and to the amazement of the manager this extraordinary explanation was promptly "dittoed" all the way down. Nor was his astonishment diminished when he saw the office boy's name included. There will be a heavy Roosevelt vote in that manufactory next year.—Minneapolis Journal.

Cluster of Pearls Worth \$100,000.

Part of the English exhibit at the world's fair will be a cluster of

pearls valued at \$100,000. This valuable natural specimen consists of about 150 pearls in a solid bunch, and measures one and one-half inches in length by three-quarters of an inch in breadth. It is about one-half an inch in thickness, and is absolutely the most famous pearl discovery existing. The cluster is known among jewelers the world over, and is the property of the Commonwealth Pearl Fisheries. It was found at a great depth in Shark's bay, West Australia. A similar cluster, known as the Southern Cross, found a few years ago at the Lacedpede islands, changed hands a few years ago for \$50,000. Experts taking the Southern Cross as a criterion, value this later cluster at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The only other known cluster of great value is owned by the British government and is exhibited in London among the crown jewels.

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