

## ASSURED OF GOOD MINERAL EXHIBIT

### Mr. Mellis Receiving Hearty Support in Getting Ores Together For St. Louis.

F. R. Mellis, who has charge of the Oregon mineral exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, is up from Baker City today, looking after matters pertaining to his office. Mr. Mellis says:

"I am receiving the hearty support from mining men in all sections of the state, and I have their assurance, both personally and by letter, that I may depend upon their assistance in every way possible toward getting together a creditable state exhibit. The various districts are anxious to be represented and will not be slow to respond. My present plans are to arrive in St. Louis about April 1, and get things in shape for the opening of the big show."

Mr. Mellis has completed his designs for the Oregon mineral booth in the Mines building. It is an artistic conception, and will serve well for the purpose intended: and

at the same time cannot help attracting attention. The booth is to occupy a 10x14 foot space. Surmounting the entrance is a semi-circle bearing the word "Oregon". Beneath this across the front, surrounded by handsome carvings, are the names of the leading minerals produced in the state. These in the order they will appear are, lead, cinnabar, gold, cobalt, silver, copper, iron, platinum, and coal. In the center of the booth will be a mineral palace of beautiful design, which will be occupied by Mr. Mellis as an office. Then there will be a sufficient number of floor and wall cases covered with plate glass to serve as receptacles for the mineral display.

The whole idea is striking and attractive and will not fail to call attention to the state's vast mineral resources.

### AGENT FOR HENDRYX CYANIDE PROCESS.

C. J. Carlson, until recently mill superintendent at the Golconda, has taken the agency for the Hendryx cyanide process, full descriptions of which and the wonderful work it is doing The Miner has published from time to time. The process was invented by Dr. Hendryx, of Spokane, where he has a small plant in operation.

The device has two radical changes and improvements over the old method: electricity is used and a different mechanical arrangement for agitating the pulp is employed. It is claimed that practically all the gold values are saved, generally as high as ninety eight per cent. Republic ores have been treated with gratifying success at the Spokane plant, and it is predicted that the process will be the salvation of that long dormant camp.

Mr. Carlson is endeavoring to induce the Golconda management to put in a plant at a cost of about \$3,000, and thinks he will succeed. He believes that its concentrates can be worked into bullion on the ground and thus save transportation and smelter charges.

The Hendryx cyaniding process is attracting much favorable attention from the mining world and it is hoped that it will inaugurate another beneficial revolution in ore treatment.

### Colorado Miner Will Open the Queen.

Louis Smith, brother in law of Eugene Bartholf, arrived from Colorado a few days since. He is an ex-

perienced miner and the day after Christmas will take a force of men to the Gipsy Queen mine to resume work on that property. Eugene Bartholf, who was authorized by the Boston owners to do a lot of development work thereon, started operations some days since, but found it expedient to shut down until he could get more men. As is generally known, the ore shoot in this property is far beneath the surface, and the tunnel passes over its top, occasionally cutting through at a high point. A shaft will now be sunk on the ledge, near the mouth of the tunnel.

### CLAIMS MADE BY MERGER BORDER ON THE ABSURD.

In this brief on the merger case, Attorney General Knox with a single sentence discloses the full purpose of the Northern Securities by saying: "A more effective method for combining competitive interests—for suppressing competition between rival and naturally competing business corporations—it would hardly be possible to conceive. And Mr. Knox bluntly states a fact when he declares that "it borders on the absurd to say that two railway corporations, which under normal conditions are naturally competitors for traffic, will continue to compete in any realization after both become subject to the same source of control."

All this juggling of stock and all these positive assertions that the merger roads will be run independently do not alter the fact, as set forth by the attorney general, that the same set of men become vested with absolute power of control over competing systems of interstate railway, and that for rival and competing interests there is substituted one com-

mon and noncompeting interest.

Whether the merger were accomplished by the original plan of a holding company or through relinquishment of control by the Securities company to a trust, as has been recently suggested, there would be little difference in the ultimate result. The roads would be run according to the dictation of the master minds that conceived the plan of consolidation and the dictators would insist on a policy of non competition.—Spokesman Review.

### PROGRESS OF WORK AT THE STORM KING

T. J. Costello, general manager of the Forest and Advance mining companies, returned last night from the Storm King. The Honest Dollar drift, he says, is now in a mighty good grade of ore. The ledge shows about six feet and full of small stringers carrying high values.

The Storm King crosscut is now within forty feet of the vein, and work is being pushed steadily ahead.

### SWIFT, MISSING MINER, PROBABLY WENT EAST

It seems probable now that George Swift, the old miner who was thought to be lost, left for his old home in Illinois, without letting the fact of his departure be generally known.

T. J. Ryan, who has charge of Wright's sawmill at Lawton, is in the city today, and states that he saw Swift at Granite about six weeks ago.

Swift told him that he had just received a ticket from relatives at his old home in Illinois, and intended leaving on the stage for Sumpter the next morning. He would depart for the east at once. Mr. Ryan also inferred from his conversation with Swift that his Illinois relatives had sent him a goodly sum of money, too, since he intimated that he was better fixed than he had been in a long time. Swift said that it was about fifteen years since he had visited his native state, or had seen any of his relatives. Mr. Ryan is personally acquainted with Swift, and has known him a number of years. He said that Swift had been drinking pretty heavily for some time prior to his leaving Granite, but when he had the conversation in question with him he was perfectly sober.

This probably accounts for Swift's strange disappearance, yet Jesse Hobson, of the Hobson Mercantile company, who is intimately acquainted with Swift, and is interested with him in sundry mining properties, is at a loss to account for his peculiar conduct. Mr. Hobson says that Swift always kept him informed as to his movements, and why he should leave on this occasion without mentioning the fact, is difficult to understand. More than this, Swift said he was going out to Deer creek to work on his mining claims, and gave no intimation of an eastern trip.

### Rushing Things at Golden Wizard.

J. M. McPhee, general manager of the Golden Wizard, who was out at the mine yesterday, states that work has already been started on the framing for the buildings to enclose the stamp mill. Part of the timbers now are up and the work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

### Annual Stockholder's Meeting.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders meeting of the Golconda Consolidated Gold Mines company will be held at the office of the company in the Pendleton Savings Bank building, in Pendleton, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1904; at such annual meeting an election will be held for the election of Directors of the said corporation, and all other and general business pertaining to the affairs of the company will be transacted that may come before such meeting.

C. B. WADE, President.

J. H. RALEY, Secretary

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