

The Storm King Mines

Facts Facts

Why Mining is the Best Investment of Modern Times

How can the **Banker** guarantee you 3 or 3½ per cent interest on your money? Does it not become apparent to you that he must invest your **Money** in an enterprise that will pay him not less than 10 per cent interest on **Your Money** in order to be assured a **Margin** of profit?

Business statistics of the entire world conclusively prove this fact, **That Your Money** in the hands of a **Banker**, is being placed in first class mining stock, as it is conceded by financiers that mining stock is a legitimate company is now one of the **First-Class** securities of the day.

There is a method in the **Banker's** way of doing business. Look at the many thousands of dividend-paying mines; they were at one time mere prospects, some of them of uncertain future prosperity, yet perseverance, coupled with an economical use of the stockholders' money, brought their **Golden Treasures** to the light of day, to be distributed in dividends to the patient shareholders.

The production of **Gold** is now the highest ever reached.

In 1902 the production of **Gold** amounted to \$296,000,000, and in 1903 the production amounted to \$310,000,000.

And it is confidently computed by experts that the production will reach the enormous sum of \$350,000,000 during the present year 1904.

The above figure are the **Facts** that determine the **Banker** in placing **Your Money** where he will draw from 25 to 1,000 per cent while **You** are drawing your begrudged 3½ per cent on the same money.

Now do you still wonder why **Bankers** are so wealthy, while your nose is ever on the grindstone?

Friend, shake off your old **Fogy** ideas. Mining is as safe as banking; if it were not, **Bankers** would not invest **Your Money** in mining stock.

You have as good judgment in money matters as the **Banker**; then why not use your reason, and place **Your Money** where it will bring you the greatest returns?

We ask you to thoroughly investigate the **Storm King** group of mines, owned by the **Forest Mining Company**. Send your own expert, and if we cannot substantiate each and every statement, we will cheerfully pay all of his expenses.

Bear in mind, three of the most widely known **Mining Engineers** and **Mineralogists** have examined the **Storm King Mines**, and their opinions and reports will be mailed to you upon receipt of name and address.

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COMPRESSOR FOR THE MIDWAY MINE

South Dakota Director Visits Property And is Well Pleased.

L. Van Hecke, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, director in the Midway company, spent yesterday at the mine with Al Geiser. He is more than pleased the way things are going there, and expects soon to see the Midway among the list of Cracker Creek producers.

The company is steadily operating and adding improvements as work progresses. The next addition contemplated is a fine drill compressor, which will go in as soon as the snow leaves. Sinking will be continued to the next two levels. There are crosscuts now at the sixty and 160, and it is the purpose to go 260 and 360 before crosscutting again. Mr. Van-Hecke expresses himself as well pleased with the way things are going at the property. He left this afternoon for Portland, to spend a few days with Harry Hendryx, who is now there on business, and will then return east.

Senators Juggling Land Laws.

Senator Hansbrough charged in the senate yesterday that the movement to secure the repeal of the desert land law, timber and stone law and commutation clause of the homestead

act was due to the efforts of a lobby composed mainly of holders of land bought in large tracts from the railroad companies, with the desire thereby to increase the demand for their property. Senator Dubois intimated the pressure for the repeal was due to the large holdings of forest lieu lands by railroads.

WORK AT GOLD HILL AND RAVEN PLACER.

Colonel James A. Panting, of Baker City, prominent in mining circles, is in town today. Colonel Panting is general manager of the Gold Hill quartz property and the Raven placers operating in the Burnt river country, and formerly owner of the Virginia, in the Greenhorns.

The placers, Colonel Panting says, are now in operation and work at the Gold Hill is to be resumed the coming season. At present the ranches adjoining the property and owned by the company are being fixed up for spring and summer work.

MR. BARNARD WILL LEAVE FOR ALASKA APRIL 1.

C. H. Barnard has resigned the place of chief engineer at the Midway and will leave about the first of the month for Alaska. Mr. Barnard will go to Resurrection Bay, the terminus of the Alaska Central railroad, where he will have charge of a saw-mill for this company. He has been in the Sumpter district for the last six years.

Mr. Barnard has been succeeded at the Midway by Frank Johnson, of Bourne.

GENERAL WARREN ON SUMPTER CAMP

Has Never Been "Turned Down" By Any Mining Engineer Who Has Examined It.

The following is published in a New York paper, credited to General C. S. Warren:

If, out of all that has ever been written about Sumpter, you take one-half, if you simmer the remainder until only the main unpolished facts remain, the residuum will still be one of the most remarkable tales known in mining literature. It will be a tale of unrivalled richness, of rapid development, of a future so brilliant as to be past the pale of coherent description. Into the Sumpter district, within the past twelve months, has come capital from the four corners of the earth.

Mining capital is always conservative. It is slow to go in for prospects. But when a field is presented for safe and sure investment, it is first on the ground. The Sumpter district, by virtue of its record as a dividend-paying camp and by virtue of its established reputation for permanence of auriferous deposits, which assures its future as a gold producer,

presents today the most certain field for investment in the West.

Since the spring of 1900 it is safe to assert that into the camp have come a hundred mining experts, who have examined the district from the standpoint of conservatism. Not one of these experts have gone away without recommending the district favorably to their principals, and not one of them has pronounced adversely upon the district as a gold country of richness, accessibility and permanence.

The district presents this peculiar distinction above all the western mining camps of later days—that while most of them, by reason of their geological formations, are either 'poor men's diggings' or are only possible of development by capital, Sumpter is both. Not only are mining operations in this district confined to quartz ledges, but the immense placer fields of the camp also are assuming a high place.

THINGS GOING AS USUAL AT THE BADGER

Superintendent Kennedy, of the Badger mine, near Susanville, returned to the property this morning, after a business visit here of two days.

Mr. Kennedy says that things at the Badger are as usual. Shipping is steadily proceeding, and the concentrator is in full operation. The machinery is driven by both water and steam power, but recently the water had to be cut out on account of freezing. Mr. Kennedy says, and steam is now being used exclusively until a thaw comes.