

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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PROGRESS MADE IN RECLAMATION.

The following press bulletin, issued by the Geological Survey, with instructions that it be released today, is of local interest because of the spirit of extreme caution which it manifests. Irrigation schemes are not going to be rushed through carelessly.

The difficulty of beginnings is embodied in the sayings of many nations. Had all the first tentative plans for the redemption of the great American desert been perfect, it would have been the first case on record of a public policy born full-grown, like the Goddess of Wisdom from the brow of the Omnipotent. On the contrary, careful reconnaissance work has shown the officials of the United States Geological Survey, to whom the direction of the reclamation work has been entrusted, that of the great irrigation projects first proposed some are good some are doubtless impracticable, and others have enough bad points to balance the good ones. Mean while, patient study of the engineering difficulties connected with these irrigation problems has continued, and the result is that new projects of great merit have developed in unexpected quarters. These are now under careful consideration.

The irrigation projects favorably reported at the beginning of 1903 included those on the Truckee river in Nevada, on the Salt river in Ari-

zona, on Milk river in Montana, on Sweetwater river in Wyoming, and on Gunnison river in Colorado. The Nevada and Arizona projects have been found feasible and construction on the engineering works along the Truckee and Salt rivers has progressed to a reasonable extent. The Montana project has, however, presented unexpected engineering difficulties as well as complications regarding water rights, so that progress is slow. It has been found necessary to modify the first plans in order to achieve results. The Wyoming project as first outlined has been found impracticable. A better reservoir site than that on the Sweetwater river, has, however, been discovered, on the North Platte, so that a larger scheme of development may be worked out in the future. Very great engineering difficulties are encountered in the accomplishment of the Colorado project. The amount of arid land thereby reclaimable is less, too, than was anticipated.

In view of the possibility of human error, and the importance of works destined to last for centuries, the officials of the Survey feel that it is necessary to proceed with great caution and conservatism. Any large irrigation work may require years of patient toil, even after the contracts are let. Only a certain number of men can work simultaneously at the head of a tunnel; only when the water is low can the foundations of a dam be laid. No matter how large the sum of money available for the work, the rate of its progress is fixed to a certain extent by physical conditions, which it is impossible or unwise to disregard. "Festina lente" is a piece of wise advice as well commended to the builder of an American dam as to the maker of a Roman road.

EXTENSION OF BAKER RESERVE RECOMMENDED

In his correspondence with the Interior department relative to the appointment of a ranger for the Baker City watershed reserve, Forest Reserve Superintendent D. B. Sheller, has incidentally recommended to Forest Chief Pinchot the setting aside of a Sumpter watershed reserve, as asked for by the city council some two years ago.

Mr. Sheller, however, does not recommend a separate reserve, but extension of the Baker City reserve, already allowed. He thinks this will be the more expeditious method in gaining the ends desired. This would only require a proclamation extending the limits of the Baker City reserve, without going through the formality of creating a new reserve. This, Mr. Sheller says, will accomplish the ends desired and will save time. He called Mr. Pinchot's attention to the matter and strongly recommended this course of procedure. While he is not in position to say what action will be taken, he thinks certainly the importance of the situation will bring about speedy results.

In the event of the extension of the Baker City watershed reserve so as to include the Sumpter watershed, it is probable, Mr. Sheller says, that one forest reserve supervisor will have the oversight of the entire boundary, with as many assistants as the present appropriation for this purpose will permit. It will be a big territory and will require the services of more than one man. It is the duty of the supervisor, or ranger,

to attend to the matter of keeping stock off the reserve, as prescribed, and see that no timber is cut except in such cases where it is needed by miners or prospectors, as provided by law. However, Mr. Sheller has recommended the ranging of cattle, but not sheep, on the Baker reserve during the present season, pending the supervisor's report. If in the opinion of the supervisor the cattle in anyway cause the pollution of the water, this decision will be revoked. Sheep will be strictly prohibited from the range.

Mr. Sheller has recommended the appointment of S. S. Terrill, of Sumpter, as ranger for the Baker reserve. The recommendation was sent by mail, but delayed in transit, and the department wired asking his action in the matter. He then wired his recommendation and expected to learn the appointment today, but nothing had been received up to press time this afternoon.

TELLURIDE AND ALL KINDS OF ORE

L. W. Kempf, who has hit a bonanza over against the Thomas ranch, which bids fair to send all other mining camps into the twilight of oblivion, has sent a line of samples from his New El Dorado to Dr. Mueller, of the smelter, to get his opinion on the smelting properties of the ore.

Mr. Kempf labored the ores generally telluride, carrying sylvanite tellurium, galena sulphides and other minerals. The ore looks mighty good and may be it does carry all this truck. Mr. Kempf says his new camp will knock the spots out of Sumpter in a short time.