

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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GOLD IN HIS WINE CELLAR.

Nuggets Found This Morning While Making Excavation Under Amell Building.

The finding of a gold nugget on the streets of Sumpter or in the crop of a barn yard fowl ordinarily excites but little interest, since there is nothing unusual in such an occurrence. But here's just one more which perhaps is worthy of mention.

This morning while the force of men employed by Ed Hauser, was excavating for a cellar under the Amell building on Mill street, where Mr. Hauser is shortly to move the Olympia saloon, a pretty little nugget, worth from fifty cents to a dollar, was picked out of the dirt in the lower workings.

It is now a serious question with Mr. Hauser whether he will go on and open the saloon, which in itself will doubtless possess many of the features of a gold mine, or lease the ground and turn his attention to placer mining. It is a well known fact that an ancient channel cuts across the townsite from northwest to southeast and it is more than likely that Mr. Hauser's cellar is close to this old channel. Several wells and cellars have been dug along the course of this channel and in almost every

instance placer gold in varying quantities has been brought to light. It was to the end of operating it that the Oregon Blue Gravel company was organized by General Warren last summer and options secured on various townsite holdings. It seems altogether probable that Hauser in digging a receptacle for his wine and other beverages has stirred up the soil in the vicinity of the ancient channel, believed to contain untold wealth in the yellow metal.

CALIFORNIA IS SOON TO RESUME OPERATION

L. R. Bellman, manager of the California, returned this morning from a three week's visit to Portland and Hot Lake. He spent a week of his absence at the latter place, deriving great benefit, he says.

Mr. Bellman is ready to resume operations at the California as soon as conditions will permit. He sought information regarding the balloon route to Cable Cove as soon as he arrived, but was told that this is slightly out of repair. He says, however, that just as soon as the roads are in shape for travel, that supplies may be sent in, operations will be resumed.

Cracker Highland.

Dan Cahill, superintendent of the Cracker Highland, states that work is to be resumed at this property within the near future. As soon as the snow gets off the ground he intends beginning operations again. The Cracker Highland is located in the Cracker Creek district.

SOON TO INSTALL MILL AT BELCHER

Fred Dains, of Baker City, son of Manager Dains of the Belcher, went through on the train this morning to the property. The machinery for the twenty stamp mill to be installed at once at the Belcher, Mr. Dains says, is now at Whitney, all ready to be transferred, as soon as the roads are in shape for travel. As stated in The Miner some time ago, B. L. McLain, of Sumpter, has been awarded the contract for installing the machinery and building the mill. Nothing can be done, however, until the roads get in shape for hauling.

A reduction plant will probably also be erected this season on the Red Lion, a property operated by the same people. Mr. Dains says it has not yet been decided what style of mill will be placed there, but that one will undoubtedly go in some time this summer.

WESTERN BANKER GIVES NEW YORK FINANCIERS A JOLT

New York financiers have received many shocks in the last few years, but perhaps nothing has surprised them more than the effrontery of a western banker who recently had the nerve to take the entire \$3,000,000 issue of Philippine certificates offered to the public.

This western poucher was C. S. Jobs, of Kansas City. He went east intending to get only \$100,000 of the new certificates, but was coolly

told by the moneyed men of the east that they didn't know him and that inasmuch as they proposed to take all of the certificates he might as well pack his grip and return home. This put Jobs on his metal and he did a little western business hustling, so that when the eastern financiers went to Washington to get the entire issue they found that Jobs had not only got his \$100,000 but had walked off with the "whole batch."

This goes to show that the west has plenty of money and that it is laying up more every day. It does not have to rely on the big eastern centers as it did several years ago. Instead of borrowing, it is loaning a little, and, as its available capital increases, it will be less and less dependent upon those to whom it has looked for financial help in the past. Of course, the eastern financial cities have vast amounts of money, but the people there have been reckless and many of them do not know where they stand. The larger western cities have not been touched by the speculative and promotion crazes that have wrought such havoc in recent times and the most of them are really in a better financial condition than are the big money centers.—Spokesman-Review.

Views For St. Louis.

J. W. Cowden, the photographer, has completed a fine collection of mining views of the Sumpter district for the St. Louis fair. The entire collection numbers between sixty and seventy and takes in the more important mines of the camp. They were forwarded today to F. W. Mellis, at St. Louis, who has charge of the Oregon mineral exhibit.