

## SILVER ON THE BLACKLIST.

### No Sense in Dropping The Word From Names of Companies.

It is a fact worthy of special notice that out of the great number of companies incorporated every year to engage in mining, not more than a fraction of 1 per cent of them carry the word "silver" in their titles. As late as fifteen years ago it was not an uncommon thing for incorporation papers to be filled in the names of "gold and silver" mining companies, and prior to that time "silver mining" had a commanding sound that it apparently does not now possess in the minds of promoters and investors. The Record has frequently had occasion to investigate the value of old mining stock certificates issued from fifteen to thirty or forty years ago, and they are in the majority of cases the shares of silver mining companies. Today, on the other hand, gold and copper claim the places of honor in the titles of mining corporations, silver being scarcely ever mentioned, even incidentally.

What means this blacklisting of the white metal? It cannot be explained wholly on the ground that silver was made the subject of one of the bitterest political campaigns ever fought out in the United States, in 1896 and later. That, indeed, may have been the beginning of its seeming debasement, but it would appear that the present cause is of a different order. Aside from the matter of habit, which may influence incorporators to overlook the use of the word "silver" in company titles, and the fact that explorations for silver bearing ores primarily have given way to gold explorations in great measure since the great slump in the price of the white metal, does it not seem that the promoters of mining companies feel that eastern investors hold a lingering prejudice against the mention of it? If this is the case, it is time both promoters and investors were getting more sense. Silver has not gone out of use, by any means, and if anyone thinks, superficially, that the white metal in itself is or ever was responsible in any way for the diverse political and economic opinions concerning it, he should call in a mental specialist.

The fact is, that silver is sought after now about as much as ever, though with less eagerness, in comparison with the eagerness of the search of gold, owing to the lower price. It would probably surprise some good eastern investors, who have never thought much about the matter, to learn that about seventy-five per cent of the values from Tonopah ores are in silver, yet all the companies operating in that region are incorporated as gold mining companies, when they carry the mention of any metal in their titles at all, but never as silver mining companies. The three or four hundred millions of dollars worth of bullion taken from the renowned Comstock lode of Nevada during forty years was largely silver, with gold as the bi-product. Now silver is referred

to as the bi-product of gold and its once magic sound has taken on a baser quality.

The Record is satisfied that the price of silver has little to do with its present general reputation, and therefore without regard to its value it may be hoped that the strange and foolish prejudice which has grown up will soon wear away and the production of silver in itself will command alone the interest which it is legitimately entitled to receive from investors beyond the Mississippi. There appears to be no immediate likelihood of the famous silver question being revived as a political issue, so that the undoubted merits of the white metal may safely be acknowledged and the production of it pursued under its own name.—Daily Mining Record.

### STANDARD PEOPLE ARRIVED THURSDAY

A party of Standard people arrived here Thursday morning. The party was composed of C. A. Besser, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, representative of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, L. Palmer and A. B. Hawkins, of Burlington, Iowa, interested in the Standard mine.

In company with J. A. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, Nebraska, secretary of the company, and Henry Snakenberg, of Sigourney, Iowa, also interested in the Standard, who arrived a few days ago, the party left shortly after its arrival for the Standard mine, in the Quartzburg district, to be gone two or three days.

### IMPERIAL TO INSTALL MILL THIS SUMMER

Captain A. M. Paul, superintendent of the Imperial, came up from Baker City Thursday morning and returned on the afternoon train, to complete certain business matters in connection with the property.

The litigation in regard to disputed ground is in a fair way toward settlement, and Captain Paul thinks he will obtain patents to the claims in a short time. As soon as these matters are adjusted the company will proceed to install a reduction plant. Captain Paul's idea is to put in a small mill this summer, and increase its capacity as development work warrants.

### May Install a Mill This Fall.

A. K. Press and W. K. Kirkpatrick, of Marion, Indiana, who are interested in the Nevada in the Cable Cove district, returned from the property last night and left for the East this afternoon.

Mr. Press is manager of the company and is financing the proposition. The claims were acquired last fall from Eugene Bartholf, who retains an interest in the company.

Both Mr. Press and Mr. Kirkpatrick are highly pleased. Mr. Press will return in about a month and arrange for work at the property. He states that it is highly probable a mill will be installed this fall. The claims adjoin the Constellation, Gypsy King, and Queen. They are on the same vein system.

### Sold Claim for \$800.

Louie Ostlund sold the Rockland Boy claim yesterday to the Citizens' Gold Mining company for \$800. The claim adjoins the Gold Coin group which the company is now operating.

## GAVE IN AT THE SNOW CREEK MINE

### Stope Between Lower And Seventy Foot Level Broke Loose Monday.

A report from the Snow Creek today states that there was a bad cave-in at the mine Monday.

The stope between the lower and the seventy-foot levels, so the report states, became loosened by the excessive flow of water from the melting snow, and came crashing down smashing the timbers which were in its way. The stope was about twenty feet long by the width of the vein, five or six feet, and some thirty feet in height.

No one was injured. It is thought the slip can be caught up in a few days, when work at the mine will proceed as usual. None of the Snow Creek people is in town, and consequently no verification of the report can be had.

It is stated that the excess of water from the snow is giving considerable trouble in a number of Greenhorn mines at this time.

### NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SMELTER

Charles Kirchen, of Salt Lake City, arrived this morning to take the place of superintendent of the Sumpter smelter, under the management of Fred D. Fuller, whose arrival from New York was mentioned yesterday.

Mr. Kirchen was formerly with the United States Mining company, of Salt Lake City. He is a smelter man of large experience both in this country and in Tasmania.

### FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM MOUNT RASTUS DISTRICT

Most favorable reports come in from Mount Rastus district.

Free gold and sylvanite has been found in many of the ore veins and there is every prospect of big bonanzas being developed.

Monday evening's stage from Unity brought in a large quantity of ore as samples of what has been found in what is known as the Sommers claim, owned by Louis Sommers, Isaac Baer and Geo. Reynolds, of this city.

The samples contain sylvanite and they can be seen at the mercantile house of Baer & Garfinkle.

Yesterday morning three four-horse teams loaded with supplies left this city for the Pittsburg company, which will give 672 feet depth.

Another outfit with seven miners left this city yesterday. The miners are to work for the Pittsburg company.

Since last fall the Pittsburg company have done extensive development work and are meeting with much encouragement, free gold being found in much of the ore uncovered.

A trail to the summit of Mount Rastus 1,200 feet in length has been built and other work done to facilitate the development of the camp.—Democrat.

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