

## CORPORATION INSPECTOR

### Subject Will Be Discussed at Meeting of Min- ing Congress.

The movement recently started under the auspices of the Record looking to the enactment of laws, either state or national, for the inspection of mining company affairs, is to be brought prominently before the Portland session of the American Mining Congress.

Fred G. Shaffer, of Idaho Springs, who has been named as delegate by Governor Peabody, announces his intention of introducing a resolution bearing upon this important question, Mr. Shaffer was in Denver today and he consented to discuss the matter at some length.

"I regard the American Mining Congress as one of the most potent factors contributing to the general success of the mining industry of the nation," said Mr. Shaffer. "It bears the same relation to the mining industry that the National Live Stock Association bears to the stock industry of the country, or the Manufacturer's Association bears to the world of manufacture.

"For the past eight years I have taken a solicitous interest in the affairs of this congress and was greatly pleased when Governor Peabody notified me that I had been appointed a delegate from Colorado to attend the meeting at Portland Ore. While engaged as a reporter on the Denver Post nearly eight years ago, I assisted Mr. Mahon in my humble way in the promotion of the first meeting, which was held at the Broadway theatre, in Denver. At that time it was known as the International Mining Congress. The first meeting was a success and presaged the influence that the congress has wrought throughout the country.

"You may state that I shall certainly attend the meeting of the congress, because I have in view the idea of presenting to the delegates the theory advanced by the Daily Mining Record a month ago, in reference to the appointment of inspectors, either state or national, to attend to the affairs of the various mining corporations. I am standing firm in the belief that this theory, if properly followed to its conclusion, is about the only one that will guarantee adequate protection to the investing public.

"At the meeting of the congress I shall ask to be heard upon certain resolutions bearing upon the proposition to have these inspectors appointed, either by state or national action. Should the United States government give to mining a place in the cabinet, then in that case government supervision through inspectors, the same as the national bank examiners, can be made effective and reach the desired end.

"If, however, the government takes no part in this matter, then the several states can appoint inspectors and protect the interests of the industry.

If there are any readers of the Record who have any suggestions to make or think of anything that would be of assistance to me in mak-

ing this fight at Portland, I should be pleased indeed to hear from them and to take advantage of whatever good may be offered in the various suggestions.

"One thing is certain, and that is that the outside investor is entitled to protection, either by state or national enactment."—Daily Mining Record.

## GROWING WORK AT VALLEY QUEEN

Advices from the Valley Queen, in the Cable Cove district, state that the management has started a shaft on the Pentateuch claim, just over the apex of Goddess mountain from the main tunnel on the same vein. It is the intention to push this work and also the main crosscut at the same time. The vein on the Pentateuch, it is stated, assays well where opened, showing as high as \$69 in gold. The main crosscut is aimed to strike this shaft at considerable depth. It is the intention of the company to put a Buffalo whim in the shaft in a short time, and install a hoist and boiler later on.

The force has been increased and it is understood that a further addition is to be made in a short time. Wheeler & Company, New York, financial agents for the Valley Queen, have instructed Superintendent Gray to crowd the work as rapidly as possible.

## LOOKING FOR A MINING PROPERTY

S. G. Crandall, of Tacoma, well known in mining circles, arrived here yesterday with a view to securing a property in this district. Mr. Crandall left on this afternoon's train without having made any extended investigations. He will probably return in a short time and make further investigation.

Mr. Crandall is just back from a mining trip through Idaho and Montana, where he is largely interested. At Custer, Idaho, he is associated with Henry Hewitt, Jr., the Tacoma lumberman.

### Mining Edition.

A. L. Morris, formerly mining editor of the Portland Telegram, has severed his connection with that paper, and now has charge of the mining congress edition of the Pacific Miner. Mr. Morris will visit all the mining sections of the state and devote his time to getting out an edition exhaustively covering the situation.

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Did Bret Harte have him, well as the red-shirted, rough man who tossed his bag of dust carelessly to John Oakhurst over the gaming table, or is he the man you see in Alaska, Cripple Creek or Idaho today? Who knows?

A curious tale!

Virgil sang of the "accursed lust for gold." Did he mean our prospector or the cruel, panting, animal-like greed of the man of the cities?

Certainly of the last, we are sure.

No mart or bourse is for the prospector.

The mighty roar of Kaffirs on the London exchange never by faint echo reaches the true prospector "up country" from the claims, now mines, that he discovered.

The streets, the roar of the cities, choke and bewilder the prospector.

He sees afar always the foothills, that cling like ugly, misshapen children to the feet of their mighty mother, the main range. All that beckons and calls to him. Inscrutable, wonderful, awe-inspiring, those mountains! Yes, to many. Not to the prospector. To him they are treasure houses. He means to unlock them. He intends they shall yield to him, that their wealth shall ring as minted gold through the world. May it ever be as clean as when he tore it from the earth!

The mountains call and beckon and he goes.

You, doubting scientists, with your culture tubes of gelatine, filled with bacilli, you do not know there is a bacillus that you never saw, that you never isolated and wrote a monograph about. It is the bacillus of the mountains—the gold bacillus! Every prospector is inoculated with that bacillus so thoroughly that the rest of the world which he thinks exists, a true observer knows is but a dream to him.

East? Yes, there is an East—once he left a girl, a sweetheart there. She is old now; so is he, but he realizes neither. Maybe nephews are there. Sometime he is going east. He will do "lots" for the folks there. They seem real to him. In reality they are dreams, and he is a misty memory to them.

The mountains are real. His clan have opened the withered, parched Australian fields, have surpassed explorers in Alaskan snows, have gazed on scenery in the Rockies that Titian, Raphael never saw, and on which man looks in awe and thinks of the sublimity of God—but he sees only the chances for gold. He penetrated Africa, and there is the Transvaal. The financier of the world came and grappled and struggled, and great London rang with stories of the wealth. Cabinets discussed the land, the roar of siege guns, the bark of the Maxim, the legions of men, an empire's might, dead and dying at the Modder, at Magersfontein, drew the gaze of the

world, and in the background, alone, unseen, unheeded, was the first cause, the last cause—the prospector and the discovery of gold!

The spirit that made Drake ravage the Spanish main is his. The green flag of Mahomet inspires his followers no more than the cry of "Gold" does the prospector.

The ozone of the mountains, the death-dealing air of the west coast, the great rivers or sea, the parched desert, all is the same when gold is the rallying cry.

With the best divining rod, a pick, a burro, a little powder and some grub, he moves to the attack, and often, very often, the grim mountains surrender.

Then there is another Portland, Le Roi or Bassick. Then a camp, people, schools, churches and mills.

With these the interest of the prospector ceases. Some day he packs his jacks, he outfits them quietly and slips away. He has heard of gold elsewhere.

He has heard the mountains call him from afar.

He goes to seek again among them. We have seen men rise at banquets and heard them reply to toasts, but not for us to applaud them. We hear the stories of the soldier and sailor, not for us "to sing of men and arms." But we would like to rise to speak of the prospector, him of deeds of daring-do, of romance, of hardship, of privation, of wealth-giving to the world, of him to whom the recesses of all continents are his working ground.—Richard Roelof, in Daily Mining Record.

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