

SUCCESS IN A SMALL WAY

Ground Out the Price of a Valuable Mine in a "Coffee Mill."

The Miner a day or two since published a story regarding the sale of the Royal White, located in the Greenhorns. Here are some additional facts of interest, from the Portland Telegram:

Among notable recent examples of the speedy manner in which judgment and industry are rewarded in mining is that of the Royal White property, of Greenhorn district in eastern Oregon, which was sold last week for \$45,000 by its owners.

Just about a year ago, according to the story related by a Portland mining man who recently visited the section, the mine was owned in partnership by three men. Grant Thornburg, who runs a hotel at Granite, owned a half interest, and the other half was held equally by the two men who have just sold out. Thornburg is a pretty good hotel man, but does not claim to be a great miner, and when his partners offered \$2,000 for his interest, to be paid within a year, he accepted the offer.

Though with comparatively small store of worldly goods, the two miners had unbounded faith in the prospect. They worked early and late, and finally succeeded in installing a mill in a substantial log building constructed by their own labors. The mill was of three light stamps, 250 pounds each, and dropping ever so steadily they only had a capacity for about two tons daily. It was referred to by less patient and critical prospectors and miners as a "coffee mill," but they kept right on crushing the ore and producing gold. In six months the half interest was paid for and held in fee simple, and the mill and operating expense also covered by its product.

The sale was made to eastern parties through the instrumentality of Mr. Kennerly, of Baker City, and the miners of Greenhorn have unbounded faith in the future of the mine thus developed. The two men who found in the prospect the basis of a fortune are content to remain in the district that gave them their start and think that it is worth more than the sale price, but sold because it was beyond their means to properly develop and equip the property.

COPPER OUTLOOK GOOD FOR NEXT SIX YEARS

An eastern paper published the following interview with Senator Clark last week:

On the White Star liner Teutonic, which arrived from Liverpool, was Senator W. A. Clark of Montana and New York, who has been abroad opening the European market for his immense copper interests in this country. Speaking of his success Senator Clark said:

"Germany will use great quantities of American copper during the next five or six years. She is already

taking a large proportion of the small arms being used in the far East. Our copper is being used in this work.

"Soon Germany will be manufacturing an equally large part of the Japanese small arms. The Japs use a peculiar kind of weapon, and a large number of new machines will have to be introduced before the Germans can take an active part in the business.

"But the machines are being built, and in a few months Japanese arms will be turned out by the tens of thousands in the German gun factories.

"The outlook for copper is splendid. It never has been finer. Things are going to hum for the next half dozen years at least. The American exports of copper will increase to a marked extent. And that will be a fine thing for the country."

CHICAGO MAN HERE TO INVESTIGATE

Charles J. Erickson, of Chicago, and W. J. Patterson and George Wright, of Baker City, returned today from Elmer Thornburg's placers on the North Fork of John Day. There is a deal pending for the acquisition of this ground. Mr. Erickson represents an association of Chicago people who are investing in mining and oil properties, and his business here is to investigate this district. He states it is probable that his people may take an interest in the Thornburg placers, though he had nothing of a specific nature to give out.

Mr. Erickson has been in the district several weeks, looking around and he says so far he is well pleased. The party returned to Baker on the afternoon train.

Badger Versus Stockton.

Claiming an undivided one-half interest in the Stockton Lode mining claim, in the Elk Creek mining district of Grant county, the Badger Gold Mining & Milling company, of San Francisco, has brought suit against the Stockton Gold & Copper Mining company, of Grant county, Oregon, to recover one-half interest. The Stockton Gold & Copper Mining company obtained a United States patent on the entire claim, thus securing it entirely, and the suit just brought in the United States courts, the papers being filed this morning, is the result of that patent being issued.

The Badger Gold Mining & Milling company claims that it purchased an undivided one-half interest in the claim from the owners of it before any property came into possession of the defendant corporation. The value of this interest greatly exceeds \$2,000, according to the plaintiff.—Telegram.

Locates a Fraction.

Guy Pierson, of the Yankee Girl, has located a fraction adjoining the Golden Chariot, in Bear Gulch, on the west. The fraction contains about five acres of ground, which Mr. Pierson is positive has a continuation of the Golden Chariot ledge. He has prospected it and finds a ten foot outcrop which pans free, though no assays have been made.

ROBERTS ON THE GOLD OUTPUT

United States Will Be the Greatest Gold Producing Country in World this Year.

George E. Roberts, director of the United States mint at Washington, D. C., was in Seattle, Washington, this week. He is on his way to Nome, where he will spend several weeks in looking over the gold producing probabilities of that section for the present year. His department is charged with furnishing the government estimates of the output of gold in the United States, and while enjoying a vacation the director will combine business with pleasure. He sails north on the Senator.

It is three years since Mr. Roberts has been in Seattle, and on this trip he says that within the near future this city will have a new government building, to be used exclusively as an assay office.

"I am on a vacation trip," said Mr. Roberts, when seen by our representative at the Rainier club, "but am going to Nome. While there I will investigate the gold output for the present year, as such is part of the work of my office.

"I stopped at Denver on the way out. We are just completing a new mint there. The building will be turned over to us in about two months, and during the coming fiscal year we will begin coining at that city. I proceeded to San Francisco from Denver and examined the mint there.

"There will be no other mints or assay offices opened by the government in the United States soon. While there is a demand from many parts of the country, the department is well supplied with locations and the local benefits, it does not believe, will warrant the expense.

"The Seattle assay office is handling more gold than any other in the United States, with the single exception of New York. We need a new assay building here, and I have recommended an appropriation for it, but the government is engaged with a large Seattle building at the present time and we will probably have to wait a time before having our needs supplied. However, I do not believe it will be long before a new assay building, in keeping with the importance of the local office, will be constructed in Seattle.

"The government has no more silver bullion on hand to use in the coining of silver dollars. That authorized under the Sherman act has been exhausted, and unless a new law is passed the coining of silver will cease. We are coining a great deal of gold.

"For the fiscal year ending today our coining will amount to \$200,000,000, which is the largest in the history of the country and of the world. The reason for this is that last year we were engaged in coining 15,000,000 pesos for the Philippines and we allowed our gold to accumulate. This year we have worked the stock off.

"All our Philippine coining has been silver and copper. They will

use our gold there where it is necessary, and their supply of United States money, under the changed monetary system, will be increased as the business demands of the country require.

"There is every reason to believe that the coining of the present year will be equal to the average. The gold supply in the United States, and in the whole world, for that matter, is increasing. Last year the output in the United States was somewhat curtailed by reason of the labor troubles in Colorado. If these are settled this year, we will get back to our normal producing conditions, and with this the gold output for 1904 in the United States will probably be the greatest in its history.

"The same argument will apply to the gold production of the world. There are good reasons for this statement. The year before the South African war that country produced \$100,000,000 gold. The year of the war it dropped to almost nothing. The first year following there was about \$25,000,000 taken out, the second \$35,000,000, and last year about \$60,000,000. This year we expect to see South Africa produce about \$80,000,000.

"The best estimate we can make of the gold to be produced in the world in the present calendar year is \$350,000,000, which will be a record-breaker. Of this amount we estimate that \$80,000,000 will come from the United States, making us the greatest gold producing country in the world, for this year at least."—Mining World.

Leaves for Tonapah.

O. O. Kincaid, former assistant manager of the Bonanza was on the train this afternoon leaving for Tonapah, where he is to assume the management of the Midnight Gold Mining company's property. The mine is controlled by practically the same people who own the Bonanza.

Special Excursion to The World's Fair.

The Denver and Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will be run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points en route. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Baker City will be \$60 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

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