

## J. H. BROWN WRITES FROM MOUNTAIN CITY, NEVADA

Thinks It the Greatest Mining Camp He  
Has Seen in All His Wander-  
ings.

Mountain City, Nevada, July 13. — I arrived here Sunday evening and was agreeably surprised to find that the accounts published about this old camp had not been overdrawn. The rock is rich and the district is large and the opportunity for the diligent prospector to make a stake is the best I have ever come across in all my wanderings. The values are both in gold and silver and run into the thousands. Some of the rock is so rich in silver that you cannot break it.

In this immediate vicinity the values are almost all silver, but all the ore carries gold. Over \$3,000,000 has been taken out in the past, and the only machinery in the camp being the windlass. In a short time three or four hoists that have been ordered will be in operation.

The gold belt commences about eight miles south of this place and some of the ore exhibited from that section is a wonder. You do not need a glass when looking for values, it being lousy with the yellow metal. Fred Testenier, a Frenchman mining on Van Dusen creek, six miles southwest of here, last evening exhibited rock from a new find of his that carries free values of \$8,000 to the ton. He also works a placer in that locality and has some very large nuggets, going as high as twenty-eight dollars.

Most of the big finds are within sight of the town and is easy of access.

The only mill in this section is a nine stamp concentrating plant that is at present shut down, owing to an entirely new character of ore struck in the mine, the Standard, owned by the Nelson boys, which is now under bond to Salt Lake parties. The ore is so rich the values were going down the creek. They have made a shipment of ore to ascertain what treatment is necessary to save them.

I was talking today to J. H. Thain, an old Cripple Creek and Tonopah mining man, who says the showing is far better here than at Tonopah and predicts a great boom for this section. He has been here since July 1.

M. F. Hickey, an old Contact, Nevada, miner, showed me some rock from a find of his that had plenty of native silver and free gold in it.

Some of the ore from the Greenback, about two and one-half inch

streak, runs \$600 in gold and 20,000 ounces in silver, the finest I ever looked at. I could keep on indefinitely about such things, but I am afraid you would want to drop everything and come, so I will switch to other topics that your readers want to know about.

Mountain City is about 400 strong in population and people are coming in all the time. Several new buildings are going up and the town is white with tents. I am the proud possessor of a lot in the heart of the business section, on the only street. Squatted on it like the balance of the boomers. We have all been ordered off, but don't go, as nobody has a title to the land and mine is as good as that of others. A squatter's title to a good business lot can be bought for \$100, but that will not last long.

Two grocery stores, one hotel, one Chinese restaurant, three saloons, and two blacksmith shops are all the business houses here. There are splendid openings for a general store, restaurant, bakery, butcher, laundry and other business, but I would not advise any one with only a shoestring to try and do anything in the merchantile line here, as lumber has to be hauled from Elko and costs \$75 per thousand. I tried to buy a baching outfit and the only thing I could find was a wash basin. Wouldn't that jar you! Not even a tin cup to be had in this great camp.

The altitude is 7,000 feet and the nights are cool. Plenty of good water and grass, but wood, don't mention it, fifteen dollars per cord and poor at that. Sage brush is the fuel for the boys.

Advise all broke men and the working class to give this camp a wide berth for at least three months, as there are ten idle men for every job. This winter the pay roll will be large, but it is going to take time, as the railroad is 100 miles away, and the development work contemplated will then have opened up what are now only prospects.

While this is an old camp, it is really a new one, and a person without money will be strictly on the hog and will have eighty five miles of desert to cross to get to a water tank.

Will send you some of the ore in a day or two.

J. H. BROWN.

### To Start Repair Work.

O. C. Wright and Eugene Watters left yesterday afternoon for the Black Butte, to inaugurate repair work on the stamp mill. Mr. Watters has been retained by Van Vleet & Wright and will be the consulting engineer of their mining operations.

E. L. Kennon, Whitney, Oregon, lumber, sash, doors, shingles, building material, mining timbers.

### Blue Mountain Company.

S. H. Norton, manager of the Blue Mountain Gold Mining company, operating in the Cracker Creek district, was in town today to procure men to go ahead with the work. Development was started some time ago, and the company, it is stated, is in a position to push operations.

The Miner does job printing.

## FOR SALE

**\$2,000**

Ten Roomed Residence. One of the Best Locations in town.

**\$2,000**

Home. Completely Furnished. Location and Grounds Delightful. Piano, Large Range and other valuable Furniture included in this. Barn and Outbuildings.

**\$800**

New Six Room House and Lot, nicely located. Easy terms.

**\$250**

Choice Resident Lot near center of town.

**\$50, \$75, and \$100**

Buy Choice Resident Lots not far out.

**\$300**

Buy House and Lot with Barn. A Comfortable Little Home.

### LAUNDRY BUSINESS

I am instructed to sell the Steam Laundry business, of Sumpter, which is the Best Paying Business in town for the amount of capital required to handle it. Call and see me and get figures.

**20,000**

Acres now under irrigation in one of the best localities in Oregon. Are you interested in securing a home of this kind, from 40 to 160 acres. These lands in three years will be worth three times what they can be bought for at the present time. Call and see maps and get prices and terms on this property.

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Do you want something good in a Placer Proposition? We have rich placer ground near Sumpter, and an opportunity to secure an abundance of water for long season's work. Here is an opportunity for a person with small capital, to secure a proposition with such merit as will increase on investigation in the estimation of the most critical examiner. If interested, call and see us and get particulars.

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