

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE MINING WORLD

THE SLATE CREEK MINES

Eureka Group Sold to C. D. Lane of California.

Seattle, June 14.—News comes from Anacortes that work will be resumed on a large scale on the Eureka group of mines in the Slate Creek mining camp, which now belong to C. D. Lane, a millionaire mining operator of California. The final transfer to Mr. Lane was effected in Anacortes a few days ago. This is the property that some years ago was under bond to Colonel Hart for Montana parties. After spending upward of \$50,000 they allowed the bond to lapse, but the owners, having faith in their property, continued working it until about two years ago, when a bond was made to Mr. Lane.

Almost Ready for Operation.
The property is nearly ready for operation. The tramway between the mine and the stamp mill must be finished. The mill has 10 stamps of 1,100 pounds each and is substantially constructed. The property has a saw and shingle mill and electric light plant. The stamp mill was completed last fall and found to work perfectly.

It is the intention to put in a roasting furnace as soon as supplies can be shipped in this summer, to treat all ores on the ground, instead of shipping concentrates. People who know the property, say that it will develop into a big mine.

TWO REPUBLIC MINES.

Active Work on the Quilp and on the Knob Hill.

Republic, June 14.—Work is active on the Quilp mine. The new machinery is giving satisfaction. Two drills are making about five feet per day. The compressed air hoist is working smoothly at the winze and good progress will now be made in getting out the ore for shipping. The shaft will be extended to the 300-foot level before cross cutting. The ledge encountered on this property has increased greater in width in proportion to depth obtained in sinking than any mine in the camp. In the tunnel it measured 20 feet, at the 50-foot level it was 80 feet wide, and at the 100-foot level it was between 90 and 100 feet in width. This is the largest body ore in the camp and it is hard and clean. At the 50-foot level there is 30 feet of ore that will average \$13 per ton. In the lower levels the values are higher somewhat. The new seven-drill compressor is in operation and the company will be in a position to ship 200 tons of ore a day for an indefinite period, if necessary. More men have been put to work stopping in the tunnel and each level. Thirty men are employed.

The survey has been completed for the steam tram to be constructed up the gulch, connecting the mines in the vicinity for shipping to the mills. The Quilp will furnish the new Republic mill with at least 100 tons a day.

North of the Trade Dollar and east of the Ben Hur is the Knob Hill, a property supposed to be valuable. A cross cut tunnel has been extended in the hill 540 feet, where the ledge was struck, and the indications are now that they have a fine property. A shaft was sunk at the first where the vein was found in place and an average of values obtained of \$90 per ton at the 10-foot level. The tunnel level is 350 feet from the surface and there are now three feet of fine looking quartz that should run even higher than in the shaft. A drift north and south has been started on the ledge.

Good Washington Mine.

Spokane, June 14.—A contract has been let for sinking a 100-foot shaft on the Rebecca and running 125 feet of tunnel on the Rebecca extension. These claims are owned by Spokane and Cheney parties. About 500 tons of ore are already on the dump and it averages about \$45 to the ton. Some assays run as high as \$200, mostly copper. The Rebecca and Rebecca extension are located near the Columbia river, about 16 miles from Keller, Wash.

New Idaho Mining District.

Grangeville, Idaho, June 14.—A new mining district has been organized across Salmon river from this place, called the Crooks Corral district. The boundaries of the new district are as follows: Commencing at the head of Race creek, thence to Snake river, thence to the summit of the divide at the Larry Ott saddle (between Snake and Salmon rivers), thence along the divide to place of beginning.

Improving the Blue Jacket.

Cuprum, Idaho, June 14.—Hoisting machinery, pump and engine for the Blue Jacket mine have reached the property and will be rapidly installed. Several cars of ore are ready for hauling to the railroad for shipment to the Eastern smelter.

Gold Output This Year.

Nome—Probably \$15,000,000.
Washington—Rough estimate, \$3,000,000.
Klondike—Some say \$18,000,000.
Others \$25,000,000.
Oregon—Rapidly increasing and this year's output will reach close to \$5,000,000.

Klondike's Gold Output.

Victoria, B. C., June 14.—The first crowd of Klondikers this season arrived by the steamer Amur Saturday. They report that 200 miners have reached Skagway. Six steamers have passed up the river.

The gold output is estimated by Dawson papers at \$18,000,000. News is given of a stampede to the Koyukuk and to Sulphur creek, gravel being found in the old channel which goes 50 cents to the pan. A nugget weighing 77 ounces was found on Chee Chalko.

Looking for Coal, Gas or Oil.

Fort Angeles, Wash., June 14.—Arrangements have been completed by C. Van Sickle, of New York, to drill here for coal, gas or oil. He claims to represent Eastern capitalists who are willing to spend \$10,000 to determine whether coal or oil can be found in this vicinity.

More Pay for Coal Miners.
Seattle, June 14.—Coal miners Carbonado and Wilkeson mines, in state, have been notified of a 10 cent increase in wages. These mines employ 575 men.

THE ROSSLAND DISTRICT

New Owners of the Giant Take Hold of the Property.

Roseland, B. C., June 14.—The water is being taken out of the Grant shaft in preparation for the resumption of sinking on the ore body. This work is being done by A. D. Copen and W. G. Armstrong, of Spokane, the representatives of Philadelphia and Michigan capitalists, who have obtained control of the company. The new owners express confidence that the Giant will make a mine, and are willing to spend money to proving it. They are the third party to make the attempt, the last being Colonel W. M. Ridpath, E. G. Sanders and others of the old Le Roi syndicate, from Spokane, but they threw up their bond last April.

Other Canadian Mines.

Work is to be started on the Northern Belle, which adjoins the St. Elmo, on Red Mountain, by R. E. Palmer, who has just returned from Montreal, where he received instructions from the owners. There is a good showing and if the summer's work confirms its value a plant will be installed in the fall.

Andrew Dreyer and others have bonded the Sunset, near Whitewater, in the Slokan, for \$30,000. It adjoins the Wellington and a short extension of the tunnel from that claim will tap the vein at a depth of 600 feet. The vein is 13 feet in width, with 10 inches of high grade ore.

New Machinery in Frisco.

Gen. Idaho, June 14.—New machinery is being installed in the Frisco mill here. One of the largest crushers in the Northwest, weighing 15 tons, will be ready to start in a few days.

Struck a Pocket.

F. M. Smith, who has been assisting Joseph Shepherd in prospecting a ledge on Grubb creek, a tributary of Sterling, informs the Medford, Or., Mail that he and his partner took out a small pocket last week from which they realized over \$27 at the bank, and Mr. Smith says the pocket is not by any means exhausted. He says the pocket may prove to be a large one, as the same character of rock continues.

They will lose no time in going down on the vein, which varies in size from one to four feet and all sufficiently mineralized to make it a fine paying proposition. The quartz is blue and porous and all of it carries more or less free gold. The walls are granite and porphyry with cyanite and feldspar.

Work is Being Pushed.

Work is being steadily pushed at the Mountain Lion mine, in Southern Oregon, owned by Bailey brothers, on Missouri flat, says the Rogue River Courier. The lower tunnel has now reached a length of nearly 400 feet, and it is expected that it will tap the ledge inside of 40 or 50 feet further. Throughout the whole course of this tunnel, the rock has been easily worked and not so hard but that a good showing could be made each day.

A flow of water almost sufficient to run the mill is now coming from the tunnel and it is expected that when the vein is struck, the tunnel will yield an ample water supply for milling purposes. The ore at this mine carries high values in gold, and the new tunnel will open a large body of ore. The mine is well equipped with a good stamp mill and is one of the very best properties in that section.

Two New Ledges Opened.

The placer district in Southern Oregon is showing up some very fine properties. In addition to the valuable claims already under an advanced state of development in the district and which have been proved to be high grade and permanent, Paul Scharington is prospecting two new discoveries which give promise of being no less valuable than the Greenback or Browning veins.

One of these ledges is seven feet wide, and though the ore is not high grade as far as prospecting has shown, still it is sufficiently mineralized for a milling proposition.

There is 350 Feet of Tunneling and a 70-foot shaft on the other ledge. This vein is about 18 inches wide. Considerable money has been taken from this ledge with an arastar.

Outlook is Bright.

A correspondent at Geiser, Or., writing to the Baker City Democrat, says the mines of the Empire Mining Company are looking fine and the company is planning for the erection of a mill.

The White Elephant owners are going to build very soon. The Bonanza mine has plenty of good ore for its 40-stamp mill.

A \$312 nugget was picked up in the placers of Austin, McMadre & Co., at Winterville, near here, the other day. The owners of these claims expect to clean up \$25,000.

They are working a full crew on the Black Bird and pushing development as fast as possible. With three or four mills in this camp we will begin to have a day.

A scarcity of laborers is reported at Gray's Harbor, Wash.

Tacoma has adopted plans for a new school house, to cost \$20,000.

North Yakima, Wash., is soon to have a fruit and vegetable cannery.

Sixty-five men are employed building the Great Northern railroad bridges in Spokane.

Machinery for a sash and door and furniture factory combined has reached Coquille City, Or.

Ellensburg, Wash., has passed an ordinance forbidding the use of barbed wire fences within the city limits.

The promoters of the Pierce county, Wash., fruit fair have decided to extend its scope and invite the entire state to participate.

An electric plant to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000 will be erected at the Nisqually Falls, near Elbe, 22 miles southeast of Tacoma, providing the latter city will make a contract for lighting. The rate proposed is 20 per cent lower than the present contract price.

BETWEEN-SEASONS DULLNESS.

Yet Trade, on the Whole, is Satisfactory.

Bradstreet's says: Measured by recent records and recollections of business activity, the present between-seasons dullness seems specially marked, and the reactionary movement of prices makes trade look worse than it really is. Judged by such indicators as railroad tariffs and statistics of foreign trade, the volume of business doing is considerably larger than a year ago, when, it will be recalled, trade was cheerfully active. It is true bank clearings are considerably smaller than last year's clearings, which undoubtedly included much of the speculative character this year almost wholly absent; and yet outside of the metropolitan bank clearings are heavier this year than last.

Wool is dull, and, on the whole, weak in the East, while good prices have been secured in the West. Manufacturers are not buying, because their business is not active, and lower rates for the next lightweight season for men's wear goods are predicted, though leading mill agents will guarantee prices as late as October.

Lower prices for iron and steel have not met expectations of causing a reduction in output and increased stock, though this latter feature apparently has been magnified because supplies of high-grade pig iron are still scarce, particularly at the South. On the other hand, low grades are in plentiful supply, with little demand.

Rails and structural steel are still well held, but there is talk of a reduction in prices for the latter product.

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PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.

Onions, old, 7c; new, 2c.
Lettuce, hot house, \$1 per crate.
Potatoes, \$16 1/2; \$17 1/2.
Beets, per sack, 90c@91.
Turnips, per sack, 40@60c.
Carrots, per sack, \$1.
Parsnips, per sack, 50@75c.
Cauliflower, California 90c@91.
Strawberries—\$1.00 per case.
Celery—40@60c per doz.
Cabbage, native and California, \$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds.
Tomatoes—\$2.50 per case.
Apples, \$2.00@2.75; \$3.00@3.50.
Prunes, 60c per box.
Butter—Creamery, 22c; Eastern 22c; dairy, 17@23c; ranch, 15@17c per pound.
Eggs—19c.
Cheese—14@15c.
Poultry—14c; dressed, 14@15c; spring, \$3.50.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$11.00 @12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$13.00.
Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; blended straight, \$3.00; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; Graham, per barrel, \$3.00; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00.
Milletstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$18.00; shorts, per ton, \$14.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$30.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 8c; cows, 7c; mutton 8c; pork, 8c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 8 1/2 @ 10c.
Hams—Large, 13c; small, 13 1/2; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2; dry salt sides, 8c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@55c; Valley, 54c; Bussell, 57c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$2.90; Graham, \$2.40; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 35c; choice gray, 33c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$14.00@15.00; brewing, \$16.00 per ton.
Milletstuffs—Bran, \$12 1/2 @ 14; middlings, \$11; shorts, \$13; chop, \$14 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@40c; seconds, 45c; dairy, 25@30c; store, 25c.
Eggs—15c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 @ 3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.00@5.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$4.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c per pound.
Potatoes—40@50c per sack; sweets, 2@3 1/2 per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; parsnips, \$1; onions, 1 1/2c per pound; carrots, \$1.
Hops—2@8c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 15@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 25c per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 1/2c; dressed mutton, 7 @ 7 1/2c per pound; lambs, 6 1/2c.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.00@6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50; cows, \$3.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c; small, 8 @ 8 1/2c per pound.
Tallow—5@5 1/2c; No. 2 and grease, 3 1/2 @ 4c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; Valley, 18@20c; Northern, 10@12c.
Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery 20@21c; do seconds, 18@19 1/2c; fancy dairy, 15c; do seconds, 16@16 1/2c per pound.
Eggs—Store, 16c; fancy ranch, 18c.
Milletstuffs—Middlings, \$17.00 @ 20.00; bran, \$12.50@13.50.
Hay—Wheat \$6.50@10; wheat and oat \$6.00@9.00; best barley \$5.00@7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00@6.00 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.
Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; Oregon Burbanks, 80c@90c; river Burbanks, 35@65c; new, 70c@81.25.
Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00 @ 5.00; California lemons 75c@1.50; do choice, \$1.75@3.00 per box.
Tropical Fruits—Bananas, \$1.50 @ 2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

NOTED HOMES IN RUIN

TWO HISTORIC PLACES ARE GOING TO DECAY.

Aaron Burr's Mansion in New York in Hands of Wreckers—James Buchanan's Log Cabin Home Has Also Gone to Decay.

In New York the home of Aaron Burr and in Mercersburg, Pa., the home of James Buchanan, are falling into decay. Both men were once signally honored by the country, and both have interesting records. The old homes of both are full of historic interest not only attaching to their owners, but to the great men who visited them.

Burr's house on the southwest corner of Hudson and Charleston streets in New York City will soon be torn down to make room for a modern structure. At one time it was the finest residence



BUCHANAN'S BIRTHPLACE.

on Manhattan Island—the Richmond Hill mansion, celebrated as the place where distinguished men gathered, and to which guests from all over the world were proud to be invited. In this house Washington had his headquarters while during his stay in New York; here Mrs. John Adams lived for a number of years, making it the social center of the city, and it was here that Aaron Burr passed the most happy years of his life.

In 1782 Burr married Mrs. Prevost, the widow of a British officer, and so came into possession of the Richmond Hill house. On account of his gallant services during the revolutionary war Aaron Burr was a popular hero of the time. He at once entered politics, and was elected a member of the New York Legislature the year after he settled



AARON BURR'S OLD MANSION.

in the city. At that time the mansion stood on what is now the corner of Varick and Charleston streets. It was surrounded by a park of 100 acres, extending to the water.

When Burr's wife died twelve years later, she left one daughter, Theodosia, who became mistress of the most beautiful house in the city. Between the father and daughter there existed an unusually strong affection. Theodosia was a beautiful girl, and many traditions of her wit and charms are still extant. Among visitors to the mansion in those days were Alexander Hamilton, Talleyrand, Volney, Jerome Bonaparte and Louise Philippe. Nearly all distinguished foreigners coming from Europe were entertained there by Aaron Burr and his daughter. At this time Burr's fame was at its height. His home life was happy, and a great career was open to him.

Theodosia Burr, while still quite young, married Gov. Allston, of South Carolina and went to Charleston to live. In 1800 Burr and Jefferson received an equal number of votes for the Presidency, the House of Representatives finally deciding in favor of Jefferson. Burr being made Vice President. This caused much bitter feeling, the result of which was the duel between Burr and Hamilton, resulting in the latter's death.

Burr fled from New York, going down the Mississippi to the Southwest. There he bought several hundred thousand acres of land, intending to found an empire and conquer Mexico. Jefferson had him arrested, brought to Richmond, Va., and tried. No act of treason could be proved, so he was set at liberty. He then went to Europe, trying to carry out his schemes for conquering Mexico and founding an empire, all of which came to nothing. After a few years in Europe, where he was scorned by men who had known him in former times, he returned to New York, broken in mind and spirit. He looked forward eagerly to meeting his daughter again, and she set out by boat from her home in Charleston.

Disappearance of Theodosia Burr.
The vessel on which she sailed was never heard of again. It has been said that the boat was wrecked at Nag's Head. Another story is to the effect that it was boarded by pirates and that all on board were forced to walk the plank. Burr afterward married Mme. Jumel, but they were soon divorced. Richmond Hill house passed out of his hands, and for a time was used as a theater. Seventy-five years ago the house was torn down when Richmond Hill was leveled, and part of the materials were set up again in the house which stands now on Hudson street, and is all that is left of what was once the finest mansion on Staten Island.

Pennsylvania has had one President, James Buchanan, and the house in which he was born stands neglected on Fayette street, Mercersburg, Pa. At present the building is fairly preserved, but unless steps are taken to maintain it, it must soon make way for modern houses.

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JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

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She—Yes; but there are times when I would like you to appear otherwise than all this.

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She—Doesn't the grand old sphinx awaken glorious emotions in your breast?
He—Well, yes; that is—she always reminds me of a woman who has firmly determined that she will never tell her age.

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The Savage Bachelor.

"The woman of to-day," said a youthful boarder, "does not know what she wants."
"The woman of to-day, young man, said the Savage Bachelor, "is like a woman of any other old day—she wants anything, as soon as she finds out she cannot get it."—Indianapolis Press.

Explanation of Her Puncture.

"I notice that she has a portrait painted, but never has her photograph taken."
"Yes. You see, the camera is so exact."

Her Champion.

Fay—That Miss Snapp is just hateful, isn't she?
May—Yes. You were present yesterday when she told me I was the "home-liest girl in our set," weren't you?
Fay—Yes, and I gave her a piece of my mind about it afterwards.
May—That was kind of you, dear; but I hope you weren't too severe.
Fay—Well, I told her she ought to remember how sensitive you must be about it.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Criticism.

First Messenger Boy (wonderingly)—Say, Muggsy is purty light on his feet, ain't he?
Second Messenger Boy (contemptuously)—He must be purty light in his head to be spritin' like dat in dis business.—Puck.

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