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MINING AND ITS RELATION TO PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS--THE LATENT POSSIBILITIES OF HIGH GRADE AND WHAT ITS DEVELOPMENT INTO A PRODUCING CAMP WOULD MEAN TO THIS SECTION

By C. N. MILLER

Mining and higher civilization go hand in hand. From the day of Tubal Cain to this time, the countries which have taken an active part in the development of mines and metal working have been the greatest and the most prosperous in the world.

And the followers of this profession have always been the trail blazers. It is they who are the van guards of civilization, besting tracks across scorching deserts, braving the unknown dangers of the frozen north and going to the remote corners of the earth.

When Marshall found a few pebbles of shining gold in the gravel in the Sierras a hungry horde of argonauts blazed a trail from the East to the Pacific, a trail that could have been followed for many years after by the mounds and grave markers.

The discovery of Gold in California projected the development of the country a hundred years ahead.

The mines of Virginia City, Nevada made San Francisco a great city. The aggregate production from Virginia City was nearly \$800,000,000. That money built railroads across the continent, banded the world with wires, reclaimed deserts, built factories, founded colleges and practically saved the credit of the Union in the sixties. These are a few of the benefits we know of but there are a thousand ramifications and channels into which this great flood of gold and silver went.

Cities Build in a Night

The discovery of gold in the mountains almost in the shadow of Pike's Peak caused a rush seldom equalled in mining history. Almost in a night a city sprang up upon the slopes of Mineral Hill. Within a short time there after there were more than 30,000 people in Cripple Creek, Colo. There are ten thousand and more there still.

This camp is situated at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet above the sea. Mining was the sole basis for all the population. Few thought of making a permanent home. Agricultural development was impossible. But notwithstanding they built a city, which for substantial business blocks and beautiful homes was the equal of Reno, Nev.

The Rush To The Desert

In 1900 a rich silver strike was made about 170 miles south of the Southern Pacific Ry. in Nevada. With incredible speed a town sprang up. At first, like all new mining camps, the buildings were largely canvas and boards. However today Tonopah is a substantial, well built town of stone and brick.

Four years later a gold strike was made 30 miles south of Tonopah. Development at first was slow. However in the Fall of 1906 things commenced to happen. Gold was the lure again. Upon the Hayes & Monette lease one of fabulous richness was uncovered—so rich in fact that most of it was stored in the vaults of the bank until ready for shipment. It made millions of the fortunate leasers and carried the principal owner (Geo. Wingfield) to the position of being the richest individual mine operator in the west.

There were times in the history of Goldfield when there were close to 20,000 people living there. From a raw, primitive town it gradually became one of the best built mining towns in the west. A palatial hotel costing nearly a half million dollars gave service and accommodations unsurpassed anywhere, fine schools were built. Many of the homes would satisfy one anywhere.

Mining Alone Is Not Enough

It naturally follows that any town which depends upon one asset or resource for its prosperity will reflect the prosperity and disaster of such resource. If, like a mining camp it depends exclusively upon the mines for its material prosperity, then naturally follows that with the decline of the mines there will be a corresponding decline to the towns prosperity.

Take Virginia City today. With a production of nearly \$800,000,000, the city is largely a collection of empty, tumbling buildings and homes. It is a ghost of the place it once was. It poured the ransom of Nations into the maw of commerce but reaped no permanent benefit itself. Its early citizens and the big operators made millions and took them elsewhere.

The same is true of Cripple Creek. It has produced over \$250,000,000 and the money left the camp and sought more inviting fields for investment. This money was used to reclaim vast tracts of arid lands, build railroads and sugar factories.

What Would Happen

Now assume that Cripple Creek, Tonopah, Goldfield or Virginia City had been situated as High Grade is, what would have been the result?

Why a great number of the million would have been invested in this wonderful valley.

Mining men are the greatest spenders in the world and the miner himself is always dreaming of a ten acre plot

of ground that he is going to own some day.

If High Grade should develop into a big camp every acre of ground between Lakeview and Likely would treble in value, the population would increase ten fold. Every latent possibility would be developed. It would increase the tonnage both ways and the increase would demand and warrant better freight facilities.

The success of High Grade would bring big operators and capitalists here from all parts of the country. They could not help being impressed by this wonderful country. They would find at the very foot of the Camp opportunities for brains, brawn and capital.

If any of the Camps mentioned above had possessed any resources aside from that of mining they would become permanent cities and experience a prosperity and progress that few other places possess.

If High Grade should develop into a big camp then Lakeview, Fairport, New Pine Creek, Davis Creek and Alturas would experience a prosperity at present undreamed of. Within ninety days after the discovery of a really big producer in High Grade, Fairport would be a city of thousands, she would become one of the prettiest and busiest spots in California.

What Chance Is There For High Grade Making Good?

Under favorable conditions I believe it will make a good camp, probably a great one.

The 'rush' of last year only proves one thing, i.e. that you cannot arbitrarily boom or force a district.

In other words when the crowd comes it wants to see something that will stimulate the sluggish blood.

The rush last year was ill advised, unwarranted and harmful.

It had none of that spontaneity which characterized the discovery of a new and really big camp. On the contrary one man visited the camp, saw a number of showings, noted some similarity between the formation and that of Cripple Creek; then went to where mining men congregate and talked until he got a rush.

The crowd came. Their minds had been stimulated by fabulous stories of the wonders of High Grade and nothing but a phenomenal showing would interest them. This was not there and they left many in disgust.

Had many of the men who came here last year done so under the actual facts—they would have stayed and invested. But they came expecting too much. Their minds had been inflated with a lot of flapdoodle and the simple truth did not interest them.

Another Drawback

Among the hundreds who came were a number of really big operators—some of whom had taken their millions from the big camps of the country.

These men liked the formation and general conditions and seemed to be willing to spend large sums in determining the extent and value of some of the properties.

They entered into negotiations and left in disgust when prices were asked which would be absurdly high in the great, developed camps of the country.

It takes money to make mines. And it takes men who are willing to assume big chances. Unlike other lines of endeavor when you enter mining it is either win or lose—there is no middle ground.

In High Grade there has been considerable disturbance and displacement. The fissuring has been extensive, the formation favorable to ore disposition. What the District requires is capital and intelligent application. Give this and I believe that it will become a big camp. Always there is the chance too that it will have considerable high grade ore. High gold values and quick development go hand in hand.

To secure the capital for the development of the properties a more liberal policy must be inaugurated. The district has been known since 1906 and all the work done could have been performed in one season.

A mining claim needs capital to develop it with is as valuable as a stretch of unwatered, sage brush land. If unable to work a property myself I would option it to men with the means to do so, and upon terms that would interest them.

High Grade has mineralization enough to warrant the belief that mines can be developed. It also has timber for mining, water for mills and power. It is close to a fine fruit and agricultural valley. Given development and I believe it will develop into a mineral district which will bring fortune and prosperity to this whole section of the country.

From Fandango Pass on the south, northward to anywhere, then High Grade and for three miles further north there

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