

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Company of Denver Capitalists Getting Options on Claims.

BIG DEAL BY THE MOFFATT SYNDICATE

Property Lies Adjacent to the Homestake Mines and Will Be Equal to Them in Its Extent.

LEAD, S. D., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The great piece of land which was before the people for such a long time and which promised to be one of the largest mining tracts, situated on the Homestake in the Black Hills, will soon be duplicated by a deal, which is nearly consummated, between mine owners in the vicinity of Kirk, a small station three miles southwest of Deadwood, and a company of Denver capitalists known as the Moffatt syndicate.

The tip top mine on Spring creek has been purchased by A. J. Moffatt, of Denver, for \$1,000,000. There are two claims, which have been developed quite extensively by open cuts and shafts. The vein is very wide and rich in lead.

GOOD ORE STRUCK

A good body of ore has been struck on the property of the Omaha company. In Two Bit, which promises to become pretty rich. The ore is pyritic and found in a tunnel fifty feet from the shaft.

It is reported that the Milliken Park group, owned by New York parties, has been purchased by another company of Denver capitalists. The property has been worked for a number of years and is considered valuable.

The Kicking Horse mine, on Black Hill, S. D., has been developed extensively. It is reported that the Deadbrock mill to close also, for it depends on the Kicking Horse mill to supply it with fuel.

The cyanide plant, leased by D. C. Bailey, has been operated. The plant has been thoroughly overhauled and considerable new machinery put in. It will treat about forty tons of ore from the Boley mines and twenty-five tons custom ore each day.

A new placer mine has been opened up on Spring creek. It is reported that the mine is yielding to early spring. Tests have given from 10 to 15 cents to the pan, which is considered a very fair prospect.

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ARTIST LANDOR ENDURES TORTURE

Three Days Without Food or Water While a Prisoner.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Daily Chronicle, in a description of the experience in Tibet of Henry Savage Landor, the artist, writes that he was nearly smothered to death at the hands of the Tibetans when endeavoring last autumn to reach Hassa, the capital of Tibet.

His valuable diary, maps and other papers include interesting photographs of the tortures inflicted, which were only interrupted when Mr. Landor himself was under attack. One of the most graphic descriptions is of the torture of a native companion, tied naked to a tree and slashed and bruised by a circle of hideous beings dancing around, jeering at and taunting their victim.

Another photograph, taken after the rescue, shows two unrecognizable men, all the hair cut off, and their heads, the skin lacerated and seamed with scars, the eyes two ghastly slits. Mr. Landor lost one eye. Hot irons were held so close to the eyes of their captives as to scorch them. This was practiced day after day.

Mr. Landor was rescued when nearly dead, after being three days without food and water, by a party including Mr. W. G. Larkin and Karak Singh Paj, nephew of the rajawar of Assakote, who had heard from trading Tibetans that a white man was being held to be beheaded in the interior of Tibet.

He started with the idea of procuring at least the mutilated body. By forced marches, and after a brilliant escape from treacherous guides, and adventures nearly costing them their lives, these three men reached the sufferers.

Mr. Landor had already lost his reason. After three hours' attention he regained sufficient consciousness to say where he had been taken, and to give a description of the photograph taken of the savages covering in terror of the avenging whites.

Mr. Landor was carried to Almor (in the Indian district of North India) by stages, from which point he dispatched runners with news for home. He recovered the confiscated diary, maps and surveys, and has a collection of photographs and other instruments. He was obliged to bury in the Himalayas.

It is not possible that Mr. Landor will ever be well enough to return.

WRITING A NEW JAPANESE OPERA

MANAGER WILL ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE Peculiarities of Native Music.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13.—Advice by steamer Empress of China says: Moscalegi is at work upon a new opera to be called 'The Japanese.' The work will be purely Japanese in character and Moscalegi in his new opera has endeavored to reproduce the peculiar tone effects of Japanese instruments.

He spends the entire day in the celebrated instrumental collection of Baron Kraus. The problem to present to the public a score containing the peculiarities of the Japanese instruments has proved a physical torture to Moscalegi.

The plot is as follows: A young girl is left with an old blind father. The father, who is called 'Musume,' greets the rising sun and then betakes himself to a gentle river that divides the landscape. The prince of the neighborhood, who is called 'Iris,' and his older brother, Tskamoto, abduct her from her home and convey her to a house of ill-repute, where she is brokenhearted by the terrible surroundings.

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EVERYTHING TO PAY DUTY

Nothing Allowed to Go Free Into the Gold Regions.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR KLONDIKE

Canada is Going to Great Expense to Accommodate Miners and Must Recoup Itself for Outlay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—In a few days the Treasury department will make public the details of the arrangements recently made with Mr. Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, governing the transportation of the gold-seekers and freight to the Klondike. Meanwhile it is learned here from good authority that the Canadian government is about to issue new customs and mining regulations applicable to that region.

Last year, when there was an unexpected rush to the gold fields, the Canadian government permitted the free entry of miners' blankets, personal clothing in suit cooking utensils in use, and 100 pounds of food for each person, charging duty only on excess.

This year that privilege will be abolished, and customs duties levied on everything the miner takes in except practically the clothes on his back. The Canadian government does not wish to be discarded, but going to great expense to maintain police and establish courts of law, postoffices, treasuries, and other public buildings, it must take revenue to meet the outlay.

Every one entering the Klondike will be required to take out a license, and to take up mining claims subject to the Canadian regulations, but all supplies and outfits bought outside of Canada, as for instance the tools, the States or England, will be subject to Canadian customs duties averaging 30 per cent.

Outfits and supplies bought in Canada by persons taking the Wrangell route, the St. Michaels, Skagway, Yuba or Dalton trail routes will be admitted free into the Klondike, and of course are not subject to duty when taken over the Canadian route.

The overland routes within Canada are all controlled by the Canadian Pacific railway, which is also operating the route via Wrangell and the Yukon. The outside companies have no authority whatever to offer such rates. Persons going to the Klondike in the overland route will have to pay for their transportation, otherwise reaching the frontier of the Canadian Yukon district they will be turned back by the customs officers.

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FEDERAL COURT TERM'S END

Matters Before the Omaha Session About All Disposed Of.

JUDGE MUNGER READY TO GO TO LINCOLN

Omaha Jury Discharged and All Business Being Wound Up as Rapidly as the Wheels Can Turn.

The present term of the federal court in this city is rapidly approaching its end. Yesterday morning Judge Munger discharged the jury which has been in session since November, and yesterday the marshal's office was crowded with the jurymen and witnesses in search of their fees.

Next week a goodly portion of the paraphernalia connected with a United States court of justice will be transferred to Lincoln, and will remain there until the close of the term at the end of February.

Until the next term of court in this city the judicial offices in the federal building will be practically deserted. Clerk Hills will take up his entire office force with the exception of one attaché, who will remain here to attend to the business of the office and to place papers on file.

The Lincoln term begins on Monday, but it will not be in running order until the Monday following. The jury was to have reported next Wednesday, but the members have been ordered to leave the city on January 24. The biggest part of the term will be devoted to criminal business, there being but few civil cases ready for trial, it is said.

Today Judge Munger will consider the advisability of holding a special term of the court in this city in March. He will call the law docket for the purpose of determining whether enough cases will be ready for trial to warrant the holding of the term. It is considered practically settled, however, that if in public interests, to transmit to the state at its earliest convenience a statement of the cases which have been docketed in the government in the island of Cuba and in waters contiguous thereto to protect the interests of the Klondike American citizens now dwelling in Cuba.

Reduction in Tax Not Probable. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Chairman Dingley was called on yesterday by several representatives of the distilling industry and asked what prospect there was for legislation looking to a reduction of the internal duty on whisky. He replied that he had pressed the strong opinion that nothing would be done at this session toward reducing the tax on the lines indicated.

You May Keep Them If You Wish. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—In reply to numerous inquiries, the Treasury department has announced that the discovery of the counterfeit is not compulsory, but was issued to protect the public. No contraction of circulation medium is caused by the withdrawal of representations which have been issued by this provision against it.

Customs Receipts Increase. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The customs receipts today were \$889,024, the heaviest since the new tariff went into effect. Treasury officials are gratified at the continued increase and confidently predict that the year will provide a surplus of revenue from now on.

Rubben Will Be Quartermaster. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Captain George Rubben, assistant quartermaster, has been ordered to report in person to General Merriam, at Vancouver barracks, for assignment to duty as quartermaster of the Alaska expedition.

SEARCHING FOR A MISSING CHILD. DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 13.—Almost the entire male population of Waxahachie, twenty miles south of Dallas, is hunting for the 12-year-old daughter of James S. Davis, one of the wealthiest men of northern Texas. It is believed that she was kidnapped or murdered, but there is a strong feeling that she is being held for ransom.

Omaha Claimants Bring Proceedings to Recover Large Sums. Litigation over the property of the estate of Anthony J. Drexel, Philadelphia millionaire, who died some five or six years ago, is being carried on by the courts of Douglas county.

RUANE WANTS A MONTH'S WARNING. Says the Commissioners Should Have Given Him Due Notice.

IS PARTIAL TO COLORED GRANT. Li Hung Chang Wished Him as Representative.

MOBE MEATS FOR EXPORTATION. Require Larger Appropriation for Inspection.

Postmaster Has a Burial. The family of Postmaster Euclid Martin, 3608 Howard street, was given a scare by the discovery of a body lying in the street.

Accident on Board the Marblehead. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Commander McColla of the United States steamship Marblehead has reported to the Navy department from Fort Tampa Bay while at anchor yesterday that four men of the Marblehead were injured by an explosion, two of them very severely.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Their Condition at Present Shows Much Effective Work.

HIGH GRADE OF EXCELLENCE ATTAINED

Superintendent Bodwell Gives the County Educators Much Credit for the Work that is Now Being Done.

County Superintendent Bodwell is very much pleased with the present condition of the county schools. He says that they have reached the highest standard in their history. Superintendent Bodwell came in from the country yesterday and spent some time at his office, looking after routine matters and answering his mails.

"The county schools," said Superintendent Bodwell, "are pushing along nicely and are on a par with the graded schools of the city. At this time we have sixty schools in operation, employing eighty teachers, fifty women and thirty men. These schools include all in the county, outside of Omaha and South Omaha. Since the opening of the fall term the attendance has increased 1,000, which is the greatest increase that has been recorded for a number of years.

"Some years ago it was the custom in the districts to change teachers about every term, but during late years this plan has been abandoned and now when the directors of a district secure a good teacher they keep her or him for an indefinite length of time. This has resulted in a more permanent and efficient staff of teachers. It is certain that a teacher can do better work after becoming acquainted with the pupils and each year adds to the value of the school.

"The finances of the schools are in fine condition. In some of the districts the school trustees without the aid of a county tax increase in their assessments, and all unite in the position that the particular councilman, whom they happen to butt-head, is responsible for the condition of the schools. The council is unable to give any relief in one out of ten of these cases, and after the job is completed the members wonder if they will have votes enough to make a showing if they should want to run for re-election.

One of the difficulties encountered by the board this year grows out of the numerous strikes which have occurred. In these cases the ground belongs to one party, but the improvements should properly be taxed to another. It is impossible for the tax collector to get the facts in all these cases. The owners of the lots insist that the buildings belong to Jones and when Jones is dead and the buildings are sold, the tax collector is unable to get the facts in all these cases.

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WORK OF EQUALIZING NOT A SNAP

City Council Members Encounter an Assault of What is Called the 'Equalizing' Work.

The city council is still hard at work on the equalization of the 1898 municipal assessments. This annual task is more generally dreaded than any other official act which a councilman is called on to perform. This year the work is exceptionally difficult on account of the change in valuations.

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