

STRIKE OF FEATHER MINING MEN

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7583 OUNCES GOLD AND 2499 SILVER

Immense Gold Deposits of Colorado—The New Guntison County District—Cripple Creek's Big Mining Site—General Western News.

The reported gold strike in East Argentine district is causing considerable excitement. Many who had made arrangements to go to Cripple Creek and other gold camps have now abandoned the idea, as they believe they have a better field nearer home.

The great revival in gold mining in Colorado is due to two causes. One is the opportune discovery of new gold deposits of great richness in several localities. The other is the rise in the price of gold, says the Denver Times.

Gold mines having vast deposits of low grade ore, which were abandoned twenty years ago because they did not pay, are being opened in various parts of the state. It costs about half as much to work them now as at that time and each ounce will now purchase twice as much of the staple commodities as then.

The subject of the boring of a great tunnel through the Siskiyou mountains as to relieve the road of the great expense of the miles of loop and high mountain grade necessary to get over the hills, is being presented to the Board of Supervisors to extend his operations, will not desert. Jacob Hyman, who claims to be the possessor of a large tract of land on the Baker country, has now applied for privileges similar to Cardwell's, and if he is not enjoined, development of the tract will be completely homebased.

It is no exaggeration to say that there is practically no more low grade ore than a few millions of low grade gold ore. It may cost \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 to take it all out, but it will furnish employment to hundreds of thousands and produce millions enough to give Denver 500,000 people.

Cripple Creek alone cannot have less than \$100,000,000 in its treasury. A party owned, the great tunnel from Idaho Springs under the mountain to beneath Central will take out several hundred millions from old and new sources. The great tunnels will be built in other localities. Many thousands of gold seams have been opened at periods and under conditions that are not profitable. Most of them will now pay.

Colorado's gold belt extends from Boulder, Manitou in Larimer county and Hahn's peak with a broad sweep southwest to the corner of the state. It is the largest and richest gold field in the world. We doubtless have more gold than ever.

The maiden carload of ore from the Dubois camp has been shipped by way of sleds to Cobella switch on the Denver & Rio Grande.

Notwithstanding snow and cold weather many rich discoveries are made day after day. Prospecting and investors are pouring in over the several daily stage lines from Colorado switch to Cripple Creek, to the View. The best and shortest route is via Cobella switch through the romantic canons.

The richest find thus far recorded is in the Gunnison lead located on Wolf creek which assayed to the astounding figures of \$2,000.

The greatest detriment to the camp, and which is now receiving proper attention of the arbitration committee, is the tramp prospectors or unlawful relocators, who are causing much trouble in the district.

A light quarrel last week between a party of claim jumpers and the Hawk brothers and some of their friends, in which A. M. Hawks received a severe cut under the eye from the Hawk brothers, has caused trouble to be started by a party of claim jumpers trying to jump the Larretta claim.

Both sides are holding their own so far, but since the light quarrel occurred and themselves and bloodshed is expected, as both sides are determined to hold the property.

The fight bloodshed was probably averted by some disinterested parties appearing on the scene and dividing and when the Hawk party departed, they threatened to shoot the first man that fired a revolver, and they wanted fair play.

The black dykes of Sherman are in a belt about two miles wide and running northeast and southwest, says the Lakota City Phonograph. In the mineral belt are four or five black dykes, running parallel, from fifty to one foot thick, each accompanying a fault which has been faulted and faulted in its direction. Gold is found in a yellow metal resembling yellow copper, which prospectors call yellow tellurium.

On the mountain these dykes are located the Snowsaw, owned by an eastern company; the Monster, Monster No. 2 and Silver Zone, owned by J. C. Gavin and associated with the Snake River; the Come-Up and Mineral Found, owned by D. A. Farrell & Co. Mr. Farrell is pushing work actively this winter, and shows indications that he will run off \$100 per ton.

Next come the Black Wonder and West End mines, under the management of A. A. Allen. The Black Wonder has taken its place as one of the richest gold producing properties in the state, while the West End is acknowledged by all to have the best showing made by any property in this vicinity—considering the amount of development work done on the mine.

There have been 130 tons of ice put up for the Kaaso-Siocan mines for the season. The State Bee Keepers association will be in session at York Township and Wednesday. The Ashland News has made its appearance with Hemphill & Pickett as the editor.

Wayne has an opportunity to secure a playing mill large enough to employ ten men. The Auburn Post issued a pink edition when the paper contained a write-up of the town.

The village of Syracuse has asked permission to add to its territory about forty blocks. A mutual fire insurance company will be organized by residents of Cedar county, February 22.

A beaver weighing fifty-three pounds was taken in the Blue river, near Beatrice, last week. Franklin county has purchased the brick crematory at Bloomington and will transform it to a jail.

William Lohr of Merna tried to freeze his right hand. There is talk of organizing a driving park association in Grant county, and an Indian creek pass, thereby shortening the distance from La Veta to Fort Garland from ten to twelve miles. Work will begin in about a week.

News comes from Casper that the McConnell asbestos mining company let a contract to sink a tunnel 300 feet. Shipments will be commenced soon.

The public lands of the state are estimated at 68,000,000 acres. Of this only 6,000,000 acres are said to be irrigable or agricultural lands. A lease of 800,000 acres of the north side of the Shoshone reservation was made to J. D. Woodruff. J. K. Moore and Pete Staeger secured 480,000. The Indians got \$300,000 from the whole sale.

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Melutsky's Appointment. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Jan. 21.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The commissioner of Indian affairs has appointed James B. Melutsky of this city inspector of public buildings at the new Lower Brule agency.

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Used His Pistol with Fatal Results. CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Walter Phillips shot and dangerously wounded Mrs. James McCormick and Elma Erickson on State street today, and then committed suicide. Phillips had been on a spree and entered his room, which Miss Erickson was putting in order. What was said no one knows. The report of a pistol was followed by screams from a girl. Mrs. McCormick rushed to the room

and found the girl on the floor with a bullet hole in her head, and Philip standing over her with a revolver in his hand. He fired at Mrs. McCormick, the ball taking effect in the head. He then rushed down stairs and fired at the back door after which he turned the pistol on himself with fatal results. Mrs. McCormick and Miss Erickson were taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where it is believed they can not recover.

What He Has to Say on the Proposed Carle Bond Issue. TORO, Jan. 21.—The Blade today has an interview with ex-Secretary Charles Foster on the bond call of Secretary Carle concerning the story that a year ago he had plates engraved for the amount of \$100,000, which were given to the Alliance company by the stockholders of the Alliance company, will in all probability have considerable trouble before they succeed in collecting the money on them. Twenty-five farmers of this county, whose notes Luthy & Co. hold, have served notice on that company that they will not take up the paper, and that they will demand a prompt payment of the same. The firm of this city to fight the case all the way up the line, even to the United States supreme court. These farmers claim that they supposed the notes given by them were non negotiable and should not be transferred to whom they were entrusted. They also state that their actual knowledge the notes were never attached, and that no authority was given for their transfer. Some crooked work is evident, they say, and they propose to locate it.

The following is a little budget of notes concerning the county of South Dakota. Ex-Secretary of State A. O. Ringers, recently appointed receiver of the Mitchell land office, has removed from his former home in Ellington, Mitchell, and assumed his duties. The report sent out from Yanikton to the effect that it is a gamble of that city will be nominated