

PULSE OF WESTERN PROGRESS

Large Team of Rich Ore Opened in the Pike's Peak at Cripple Creek.

A SAN MIGUEL STREAK RUNS \$20 A POUND

Alaskan Salmon Catch Very Large—Tarantulas Along Lake Creek in Wyoming—News Notes of the Northwest.

The great Pike's Peak is in bonanza now. In bonanza as it never was before. In times past a rich seam in the porphyry of a two or three inches, or three inches as the furthest, was a big thing, says a Cripple Creek special to the Denver Republican, but the vein in the second level is now widened to fully two and one-half feet, and through this body there are streaks of ore that would assay fully 100 ounces of gold to the ton. The average of this enormous ore body has not yet been made, but something unprecedented may be expected.

It was the general opinion in camp two months ago that the pharmacist had been worked out. During the strike, when closed down, practically every miner that had been employed there was free to say that there was not a car load of smelting ore left standing in the mines. Quite naturally, people believed this and it will be a surprise to everybody to know that 196 sacks of ore was sent from this property the other day that Manager Rowan believes will average at least \$100 in gold to the sack. Of course this is all closely selected, but the ore is of the best grade, about 100 tons of quartz of excellent grade was sent to the market. Unofficially, it is announced that no more ore will be hoisted from the pharmacist at any time, owing to the differences between the owners.

John Tompkins, L. Butler and O. Hanson a few days ago found the first streak of ground 50x100 feet in size east and a trifle south of the Longfellow claim, below Hall's camp, where a big strike was made a few days ago, and from which the first streak of ore was taken. The boys at once located the ground, and from appearances the name they gave the claim a few days ago is far from appropriate. The district attorney when the Republican representative stopped at the hole today some fine looking quartz was being hoisted, and the fact that the ore is much better than being mined in the Longfellow, of which the unfortunate is an extension. Tompkins and partners felt confident that they could put the hole down directly on top of their vein, but after going about thirty feet and gaining solid foundation, they were compelled to drift, and starting north they found the hole within 100 feet. The vein matter is all finely crystallized and a little of it planned should it to have value.

There is more excitement in mining circles over Gold Hill than there has been for two years past. It will be remembered that this is the hill that was one of the first prospects in the camp, the Lone Star property belonging to the original Anacoda consolidation. Peonchey and others who have a lease on the Lone Star No. 2 are now taking out ore that will pay well.

RICH STRIKE AT OPHIR.

Not a week passes but what several reports issue from San Miguel county for the Denver mine. They will be more numerous as the season advances, and two or three large gold producers now idle are again worked to the limit. The strike at Ophir is the largest special to the Denver News. The extension of the San Miguel tramway to the mouth of the canyon is now completed, which will disperse with the expensive ore chutes heretofore used and enable a much larger amount of ore to be delivered at the large mine. It is believed that all made a quantity of ore sufficient to keep seventy or eighty of the 120 stamps steadily dropping will be taken from the mines daily. This will increase the output of the San Miguel county at least one quarter over the present production. As has before been stated, from San Miguel county, the gold bearing quartz was recently encountered in driving the Hamburg shaft, which insures profitable returns whenever the ore is treated.

Mr. E. H. Teats has taken a lease on the Northern Ohio mine from the San Miguel Consolidated, and has a force of men at work developing it. The mine is estimated to carry from \$15 to over \$100 per ton in gold. The vein was cut through the crosscut and a rich strike was made, although the exact value of the discovery has not been determined. The Northern Ohio is one of the Champion group in Bear Creek district, so the ore will be mined over the tramway and treated at the 120-stamp mill.

SAN JUAN'S SILVER.

There have been some marvelous developments of late going on throughout San Juan county. The discovery of silver at the Silver Queen is no secret. The results of the Silver Queen is no secret in the race, says the Silver Queen. This property is situated in the mountains of the immediate vicinity of the famous Sunnyside Extension mine. The property was purchased by Messrs. Marshall and Smith. The property is a large one and while it was a mere prospect. These enterprising and energetic gentlemen have devoted their personal attention to the development of the property. The development during these years has rewarded their efforts by disclosing to them a body of silver ore as has ever been shipped from that locality. After the purchase of the Silver Queen other locations were made, the Almaden, Ida B., Leslie D., and the Grand. These are all rich veins and were issued upon the Silver Queen and Almaden; the others are still unpatented. The group cover an area 1,200 by 1,500 feet. The development is particularly upon the Silver Queen, which is the leading claim, and constituting some 500 feet of open ground. The upper level of the Silver Queen is running from 200 to 2,000 ounces in silver and from four to thirty-one ounces in gold. A stop has been started in this level, and it is expected that there will be a large quantity of ore ready for shipment. From the upper levels placed in the croppings above the upper workings, over 1,000 ounces of ore were gathered. The mine is now being worked in so far as the upper one, nor is there so compact or high grade. It averages sixty odd ounces in silver, and from five to eleven ounces in gold. The ore in these levels is of the same character as that above, and it is expected that when they are extended further, the fabulous richness of the upper level will be encountered there. Six different samples taken from the new level being opened in upper workings give assay returns as follows:

- 1.2 oz gold.....120 oz silver
  - 4.2 oz gold.....388 oz silver
  - 2.8 oz gold.....232 oz silver
  - 4.8 oz gold.....420 oz silver
  - 4.4 oz gold.....450 oz silver
  - 4.8 oz gold.....470 oz silver
- All levels are in the hands of twenty men at work, and Messrs. Smith and Martin, having sold out their business interests in the east, intend giving the property their undivided attention to work the property continually and increase the output of the mine to its utmost capacity.

AN INVASION OF TARANTULAS.

Lake creek is a candidate for prominence just now, says the Star, owing to the fact that a number of tarantulas have been discovered in the houses on that stream. At the ranch of A. G. Brink thirteen were caught; at the home of Robert Gordon, just above there, ten more have been found, and at the ranch of John Mead, on a branch of that creek, seven more were discovered. They are all small, from small ones the size of a half dollar, to big ones that would cover the palm of one's hand. Words come from the ranch of Willard Mead, on lower Pass creek, that they have been killing enormous "spiders" down there, and the inference that the tarantulas has found a foothold there. Indeed, it seems quite probable that they may be numerous on both Pass and Lake creeks. How they found their way to that locality

is mere conjecture—probably a supply of eggs has been transported from New Mexico, Arizona, or some other country in a pack, or some vehicle.

The people of Lake creek are just now quite wide awake and on the lookout continually for the deadly reptile, and they will be exterminating it as fast as they can.

WYOMING PIGS BEGIN TO FLY.

There is a log ranch northeast of Woodland park which has been the scene of a peculiar incident within the past two weeks, says the Fremont (Wash.) Review. The ranch is situated near the shores of Green lake; tall fir trees, some of the mightiest monarchs of the forest, surround it, and it is a quiet, sequestered spot. The district attorney, the gentle giant of the pig or an occasional squeal from the same source. About a month ago the proprietor began to miss his pigs. An investigation was made but without avail, and still the pigs disappeared. At last, one day, two weeks ago one of the boys on the ranch saw what looked like a bird flutter over one of the pigs. Suddenly it swooped down on a large fat porker, but this time piggy was not doomed to die, for the alarm had been given and the pig was shot from ambush and killed. It was found to be a large golden eagle, and had feasted on about thirty pigs at the expense of the proprietor.

GOLD IN MONTANA.

Parties from the Colorado report that there is considerable excitement over some recent discoveries made in that section, says a Missoula special to the San Francisco Examiner. Rock creek comes into the Missouri river about twenty miles east of Helena, Bonita is the nearest station, on the Northern Pacific. The country has been known to contain gold for many years. A well-known placer, one of the tributaries of Rock creek, was worked extensively during the early days of placer mining in Montana, but was never classed as one of the great gold fields. Welcome was worked for a number of years by Chinamen and white men and mined in it more or less continuously of recent years with only moderate success. The first discovery was made in 1890, attention recently to the district was made by two Swedes not familiar with mining. The ore is said to assay from \$200 to \$1,000. The gold is of the finest quality and is said to be working about twenty men. A number of prospectors from Philadelphia and other parts have rushed in and there are now about 200 men in the camp. They are coming in at the rate of fifteen or twenty a day. A large number of locations have been made, some of which are regarded as good prospects. The present indications are that there will be a big rush into the camp this fall.

SALMON INDUSTRY GOOD.

The mark harvest, which has arrived from Karluk, brought the latest news of the Alaska salmon run, says a San Francisco special to the Denver Times-Sun, and considering the lateness of the season this year, the returns are very good for the combine. Last year the catch resulted in about 600,000 and this year's run will amount to very nearly the same. The return, it is said, will have the effect of making the market stable if there is no heavy demand from England. In the latter event the price of salmon will advance according to the demand.

THE ENGLISH MARKET.

"The English market," said a gentleman who is thoroughly posted on the situation, "is a very good one at present. It is the result of a combination of circumstances, but this year several English buyers have placed heavy orders on the market."

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and ear trumpet three days before. She says she is still improving and able to do her own work.

Old "Jubilee" Johnson, a noted colored citizen of Schuyler, the proposer, has been born about the second year of the century and had twice been sold as a slave on the auction block. His disposition was kindly and amiable and many of the citizens of Schuyler will miss him.

The Blair Pilot is raising an outcry about the open way in which the disreputable houses in that city are being run, and complains that several of these are extensively patronized by officials whose business it should be to suppress them. The Pilot publishes the names of some of the guilty parties.

THE DAKOTAS.

J. B. Cyle of Everett, N. D., while chicken hunting, killed a peccan measuring nine feet from tip to tip and one and a half inches in diameter. This specimen is seldom seen flying over North Dakota soil.

The secretary of the interior has approved the allotments in severity to the Yankton Indians in South Dakota. There are 1,400 allottees, and the allotments embraced over 100,000 acres.

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boxes. The first load of lumber was taken to the Snyder bar and in a few days the owners expect to have "hinges working."

The Rille Revellie states that contracts have been signed for the proposed dam to the Grass valley dam, the completion of which will water many thousands acres. The capacity of the present reservoir is 400 acres, and the completion of the proposed dam will be made will increase the capacity nearly thirteen times.

Quartz veins six to fifteen inches thick lying in a blanket form, and are extensively exposed along the tributaries of Cherry creek, twenty miles from Denver, in the vicinity of Parker and Elizabeth, not six weeks ago, the prospectors were busy opening have shown uniform strength and richness, the value of the ore running from \$5 to \$15 per ton. The quartz is decomposed and apparently free from milling. Tests made by the prospectors, in some instances, reported too numerous to be counted. Quite a number of prospectors are at work along the draws leading into Cherry creek, and in each one of them has been successful in uncovering this blanket vein, which lies perfectly flat, and in many places very near the surface.

OREGON.

Game is plenty on the western slope of the Southern Cascades. Seven wagons from Long Creek, loaded with wool, came into Clifton the other day. They had about \$700 in wools. The 4,000,000 feet of logs cut on the upper McKenzie river have been delivered to J. C. Goodale at the Coburg sawmill. This is the largest of the large drives ever made in Oregon.

W. S. Byers purchased 6,000 bushels of wheat at Pendleton Saturday at 28 cents. 2 cents for freight, and 1 cent for handling. Water at Umatilla river the flouring mill is only turning out about 300 barrels of flour daily.

A. M. Simmons, residing at the upper end of Lake Labish, has had an acre of cranberries in successful cultivation some years and is going to increase the extent of his acreage to five acres next year. He is well pleased with the result and has presented the professor with a beautiful rock as a token of esteem. His proposed investment of the money in a farm near the school, and the purchase of a new school building, are well pleased with the result and have presented the professor with a beautiful rock as a token of esteem.

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Baled hay on the cars at Ellensburg is quoted from \$5 to \$2.

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Thousands of head of cows and stock cattle will also be brought into Texas from Mexico. There also will be large exportations of cheap horses from Mexico into this country.

The outlook for the cattle business in Pima county, Arizona, was never better than it is today. The ranges are covered with the best of feed and stock that were a few weeks ago in a starving condition are now fat as squirrels in acorn time. Stockmen say that rain enough has fallen this summer to insure abundance of feed for winter.

Mr. W. C. Glazier, track superintendent of the Phoenix & Portland, has two cotton plants at his place in the east end of town that are now in full bloom. The bolls are as full as heavy and perfect as any on the Sea Islands of South Carolina. A few seeds came to Phoenix in a freight car that had been carrying cotton in Texas. Mr. Potter took a handful home and scattered them in his garden. The hens only left two, which sprang up and matured as above.

FISH STORY EXTRAORDINARY.

Trophy of a Remarkable Encounter with a Shark. The barkentine C. C. Funk, now in Port Townsend from Santa Rosalia, Mex., had an unusual and exciting experience in the Gulf of California on May 13 with a swordfish.

The vessel was going south with a cargo of merchandise from San Francisco, and was being towed by the tugboat. Suddenly the crew noticed the sea was greatly disturbed.

The officers were unable to account for the phenomenon and watched the unusual scene with amazement. Without warning the barkentine received a severe shock that carried every man aboard from his feet. The vessel was arrested in its progress and quivered like a wounded animal, then slowly got under way again.

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