



The New Mines on the Waters of the Big and Little Blackfoot and the Waters of the Missouri.

The reported discovery of rich and extensive mines in the Coeur d'Alene mountains, in June last, attracted a large number of miners who had failed of success in other localities.

The new mines—GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS, ETC. In general terms it may be stated that the new mines are located on both sides of the Rocky mountains on the interlocking waters of the Hellgate and Missouri rivers.

CONDITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINES. At Helena the country has been pretty well prospected for surface-diggings. The extent of the deep-diggings, I think has not been determined.

APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION IN THE MINES OR CONNECTED WITH MINING INTERESTS. To give a fair idea of the location of a drifting population in the midst of mining excitement is very difficult.

LOCATION OF TOWNS AT THE NEW MINES. Helena is a tributary of the Big Prickly Pear, on what is called Last Chance or Grizzly Gulch.

PERSONS WHO ASK THIS QUESTION CAN FORM A much better idea from general reports than from the observations of one man.

many cases, the whole after-life of thousands of men, without much examination. Let it be known that these mines have already enriched many; but that the country is one having many and peculiar difficulties, among which are the scarcity and high price of provisions and the depth of the diggings—often running to seventy feet or more.

AS TO CLIMATE. I am informed that winter fairly sets in on the upper part of the western slope by the last of October, but on the other side the climate is scarcely more severe than in Walla Walla or Northern Oregon.

THE OLD SETTLEMENTS ON THE PACIFIC SIDE AND THE STATES OF THE WESTERN FRONTIER ARE now in competition to secure the trade to the new mines. For two years the difficulties in the navigation of the Missouri river have prevented the delivery of a sufficient supply of merchandise at Fort Benton to meet the demand of the active and highly lucrative mining-trade.

IT IS NOW BEING DEMONSTRATED THAT FORT UNION is the head of navigation on the Missouri. From there there is five hundred and eighty miles of land transportation to Benton—one hundred and twenty miles to Silver Creek (the nearest mines of importance to Benton)—one hundred and thirty-five to Helena and one hundred and fifty to Blackfoot.

HOW TO DO IT—HOW NOT TO DO IT. How to do it—Establish one line of travel and transportation—drop the boarding house policy of attracting men to places off of the best and most direct road and aim only to send every person and thing by the quickest and cheapest conveyance.

HOW NOT TO DO IT—Continue the boarding-house policy—deceive men into going out of their way to buy a "cayuse" or you quarrel bitterly about the merits of rival commercial points and waste twice as much money on four roads as will build one good one.

WHAT SHOULD SEE TO IT.—The people of the Columbia River Valley should see to it that the trade springing into existence with the Blackfoot mines is not lost to this side through any lack of enterprise of our people to secure it to themselves.

THE MONTANA POST, August 5th, in its trade report, says: The bulk of merchandise shipped via the Missouri river to our different mining camps, owing to the low stage of water, and the heavy cargoes with which the boats started have been stored promiscuously along the river at nearly every trading post.

OPPOSITE TELEGRAPH.—The Telegraph from the east informs us that Mr. James Street, Agent for Barney, Morgan & Co., of New York advertises for proposals to commence the construction of the opposition telegraph line from San Francisco and the Atlantic States.

THE CHINA MAILS.—The Postmaster General accepted the tenders of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for a mail steamship line between San Francisco and China, via Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, authorized by the act of Congress approved Feb. 12th, 1864.—Oregonian.

MAJOR GENERAL H. W. HALLECK ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE Military Division of the Pacific, on the 30th August. This Division embraces the two Departments of California and the Columbia. Halleck's Headquarters are San Francisco; he is the ranking officer on the Pacific Coast.—Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Scott is his Assistant Adjutant General.

Home Correspondence.

EDS. STATESMAN.—My pen trembles when, obscure individual as I am, I "essay" to write for a newspaper. But I was going to say that ever since you started your paper, in the Fall of 1861—in company with the lamented Mr. Northrop and Mr. Smith—your correspondent has not failed for a single issue to carefully peruse its columns, and it comes every Friday evening as a welcome and indispensable visitor to his "studio."

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REPORTED ABANDONMENT OF THE FORT. And the sending of all the soldiers and Quartermaster's stores to some other post in the up-country. Well, you have been busy at your "cesses" and haven't heard half of all that has been said on Main street.

BLACKFOOT AND PRICKLY PEAR. The most of those who have been talking "Blackfoot" and "Prickly Pear" this week seem to have great faith in these mines. I have met on Main street, around the stores of your advertisers, a number of packers, who came down from the above localities a week or ten days ago, and they give, not exciting, but certainly hopeful accounts of mining affairs thereabouts.

THE QUARTZ MILLS. Commencing with the New York and Idaho G. & S. Mining Co.'s mill, are doing splendid business. This company will begin operations in a few days with their ten stamp mill. Their stamps are six hundred and fifty pounds, with a ten inch fall, and on trial made eighty drops per minute.

TRADE WITH THE MINES. Should the developments made in these mining camps, that lie in Montana Territory, continue to be still encouraging and extensive, there can be no question that the trade of Montana will be worth looking after next year, at least. Since the summer of 1859 that whole country, from Hellgate, Deer Lodge and Beaver Head to Fort Benton has depended mainly on St. Louis for supplies; but the difficulty, expense and uncertainty attending the transportation of goods up the Missouri river is causing the merchants and traders doing business in those valleys to turn their attention in this direction, believing that they will be able to receive supplies from this side more cheaply and quickly, and with much more certainty, than they can be had from the Atlantic.

the 1st of July, and it was not until the 5th or 6th of August that they could obtain conveyances and take up the line of march toward Benton. Whole cargoes of goods were thus delayed and the owners subjected to heavy additional expense in order to have their goods carried into the mining region.

RATES OF TRANSPORTATION FROM ST. LOUIS TO FORT BENTON. I learn that this year the price of bringing goods from St. Louis to Fort Benton was from ten to twelve cents per pound, and from Benton into the mines about the same rates, making the total cost on goods from St. Louis to the mines from 20 to 25 cents per pound.

THE ROUTE. From Walla Walla to the mines via the Bitter Root mountains, popularly known as the "Mullan Road," seems to be the only route at present feasible for pack animals, and were it not for the obstruction caused by the fallen timber for the distance, perhaps, of some 80 miles, it would, I learn, be even more practicable for loaded wagons.

MAIN STREET ITSELF AGAIN. It must be truly gratifying to all who have a permanent interest in the prosperity of the town to behold the long line of new buildings that are now rearing their heads along Main street. Five weeks have not elapsed since the "burn," and we see stores, butcher shops, blacksmith shops, wagon shops and saloons already completed and tenanted.

YOUR HOME CORRESPONDENT. South Boise Correspondence. ROCKY BAR, ALTAIRAS CO., I. T. August 23d, 1895.

NATIONAL DEBT A GREAT BLESSING. As the "Blessing" above alluded to, is considered by many of rather a questionable character, I propose to give the modest opinion of its workings, that all may see where the "Blessing" comes in.

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WALLA WALLA CO., Aug. 31, 1895. EXPORTED.—The arrival of the new Quartermaster who has been ordered up, Lieutenant Noble, is looked for at the Fort to-morrow (Saturday) when the stores, etc., will be immediately turned over to him by Quartermaster Johnson.

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which, with the appliances connected, (which are of the latest and most approved pattern,) will be capable of reducing more ore in a given time than any mill yet in the Territory. The engine is of eighty-horse power, the cylinders eighteen inches in diameter, with thirty-six inch stroke. The company have already commenced work on the "Ada Elmore" and "Duncan" ledges.

MORTALITY. Acting Governor C. DeWitt Smith died here suddenly on the 19th inst., from rheumatism of the heart. He was buried here in the village cemetery (which counts but few graves) on the 20th inst., and a large procession followed his remains to the grave.

BLACKSMITHING. Reduction of Prices.—SUIT THE TIMES. THE undersigned would inform his old patrons and the "rest of mankind," that he is again ready at his old stand, to accommodate all who wish good work, at "live and let live" prices, for cash.

STOVES AND TIN-WARE. GREATLY REDUCED PRICES! WM. M. MANSFIELD. This new Tin and Stove Store, Main Street, next door to Dr. Shiel's Furniture Store, Walla Walla, is now offering stoves at prices 25 PER CENT LESS than they have ever before been sold in Walla Walla.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In Probate Court of Walla Walla County, W. T. In the matter of the Estate of John Colebourne, deceased.

DR. J. W. HUNTER. (LATE OF DALLAS CITY, TEXAS.) OFFERS HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO the citizens of Walla Walla and vicinity. Office at Colman's Drug Store, Main Street. Residence, Miner's large building, upper end of Main Street, 3 doors east of the bridge.

NOTICE. THE Copartnership heretofore existing between J. B. Mitchell and R. Bogie in the Slaughtering and Butchering Saloon business, was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 24 day of Sept. 1895.

NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that E. L. James has filed his final account, as the administrator of the estate of Samuel Leonard, deceased, in the Probate Court of Walla Walla County, W. T., and that Thursday, the 25th day of Oct., has been appointed for hearing and disposing of the same.

NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given, warning all persons against purchasing a note, given to E. M. Washburn against W. H. Babcock for \$240.00, or thereabouts, as he has paid said note in full, and has ample proof thereof. WM. H. BABCOCK. Walla Walla, Sept. 8, 1895. 394d.

NOTICE. THE Copartnership heretofore existing between John A. Harlan and John Tongue, in the packing business, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 9th day of August, 1895.

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