DIVIDEND PREDICTION.

The Mammoth Will Undoubtedly Post One of $20,000 February 1st.

ALL THINGS WARRANT SUCH A MOVE.

Activity in the Pit of the Exchange—The Sunshine to Resume—Miscellaneous Mining Items.

There have been so many predictions of late concerning prospective dividends that the "News" at this late hour feels prompted to make one also, but will be in line with the prevailing fad and be in the right direction. The "News" predicts that on the 1st day of February, 1898, the Mammoth Mining company at its annual meeting, will declare a dividend of 4 cents a share, or $20,000. This prognostication is based upon representations and belief, and to it is affirmation and belief, and to it is added that from the date mentioned, the company will continue in the payment of regular monthly dividends. When it is taken into consideration that the Mammoth has a good cash surplus on hand, and that since the first of the year an increased force of workmen has been put on, and all of the miners are working in first-class ore, then the justification for the embodied forecast is readily seen. The Mammoth is just as great a mine today as it has ever been, and the ore now being extracted from its depths is sufficient reason for a resumption of dividends right away. Let us see it will be.

ACTIVITY IN THE PIT.

Sales of Ajax, Geyser-Marion, Northern Light, Dalton and Chloride Point.

The making of a record still continues on the stock exchange, today's call, in point of business, being no exception to the two immediately preceding ones in the year. Beginning with it 16 of the 17 members present at this call, the brokers asserted their presence and kept activity rife until Herron Hill made a cry for lunch, and then they filed into the street. The stock mentioned sold, or changed hands and sold at figures ranging from 46 to 6 cents. At the close the bid recorded 46 cents stood at 46½ as against offerings on the stock at 48½. Bullion-Beck was low and had its best bid at $1.50, while Centennial-Eureka would have sold at $21 and Daly-West at $25. Geyser-Marion came in for a share of the day's trading and sold at 20½ and 20 cents; closing the bid was 20, with offerings at 30. Sunshine was in the ascendant and brought sales of 42.22½, but bidders refuse to unload under $2.25, the offering mentioned, however, at this figure. Mercur maintained its position of the past week or so and was bought at 6 cents, while Northern Light fell in favor in the figures, and sold in a limited way at from 37 to 37½ cents. Ophir ruled strong in the bidding, as did its neighbor, Sacramento, but the strongest stock of the lot was Dunkin which broke from its long drawn slumber, and ran up to 44 cents to the bidding, with no offerings under 39 cents.

Utah was stationary.

Calling unlisted stocks, the brokers clamored for Chloride Point and got it to the extent of 4,000 shares at figures ranging from 58½ to 58¾ cents. At the close the bid was 58, and a bid of 58¾ and was at offered at 59. In this class Dalton was a favorite in the bidding, the bidding making much noise over it and selling the stock at five-eighths and three-quarters per share. Grand Central was strong with a 3-cent bid, while Omaha was wanted at 25 cents and was offered at 28. The Swansea found nominal quotations.

The closing figures were as follows:

LISTED STOCKS.

Stock.	Bid.	Asked.
Ambor	10	
Ajax	44	46½
Bullion Beck	4 50	5 00
Brick Consolidated	....	75
Centennial Eureka	21 00	27 50
Daly	....	75
Daly West	2 00	6 00
Dalton & Lark	....	3
Eagle	1½	3
East Golden Gate	....	⅝
Four Aces	2½	5
Geyser Marion	20	30
Galena	45	65
Horn Silver	1 25	
Mammoth	2 00	2 25
Mercur	5 50	8 65
Northern Light	36½	37½
Ontario	7 25	7 50
Ontario	2 85	
Sacramento	37	39
Sunshine	44	50
Silver King	15 50	75
Utah	60	75

UNLISTED STOCKS.

Stock.	Bid.	Asked.
Anderson	1½	3½
Chloride Point	58¾	59
Little Pittsburg	2	2½
Dalton	¾	⅞
South Swansea	1 25	1 30
Swansea	2 00	2 10
Yankee Girl	½	10
West Cable	....	15
Bullwhacker Anaconda	1½	2½
Dakota	25	30
Emerald	3	4½
Grand Central	15	
Dexter	1	1 85
Beaver Lake	2	2½
Buckeye	2	4½

TRANSFERS OF STOCKS.

One hundred shares of Ajax @ 49 sour for cash; 200 @ 48, 100 @ 47½, 100 @ 49¾ and 100 @ 49¾, 100 Geyser-Marion @ 22½ cents and 100 @ 22, 100 @ 22½ cents and 100 @ 23, 5,000 Dalton @ ¾ cents and 500 @ 3-4; 200 Chloride Point @ 58½ cents, 2,000 @ 58, 1,000 @ 58¾ and 500 @ 58¾. Total shares sold, 8,720; selling value of stocks, $2,923.70.

The Sunshine to Resume.

The rapid strides made by Sunshine in the last few days have led many to believe that the mines of that once-famed security, of the end that it once was, were to be revived from its manipulation. They have, to some extent, in them. The "News" is informed, and that from reliable sources, that the Sunshine mine is in splendid shape; that it has plenty of ore in sight, and that after the company's annual meeting, which will be held in a short time, operations in the property will be resumed and the mining plant put in shape for a successful and economical handling of the ore. Recent tests of the mineral by prominent experts have proved that it can be handled profitably, and on this assurance the company feels encouraged to put their shoulders to the wheel and push the thing along.

MINES AND MINING.

Committees to Ask Congress to Establish such a Department.

Ex-Congressman Lafe Pence of Denver, chairman of the committee appointed by the mining congresses to take steps to secure the establishment of a department of mines and mining, will leave for Washington to take the necessary steps to secure the passage of the law.

Mr. Pence said that the committee had arrived at the conclusion that the best time to do so is to go to Washington in person, and present the matter to congress himself, having it in charge. The committee are A. V. Smalley of St. Paul, R. B. Hedges of Pittsburg, W. F. Dechel of Omaha and Lafe Pence of Colorado.

Mr. Pence stated that gold and silver mining would be put in second place in the presentation of the committee's argument and that the advantages of such a department or bureau to the general mining industry, including lead, zinc, iron, copper and coal would be dwelt upon. He said that the committee had the assurance of the support of the solid Pennsylvania delegation and thought they would be able to get the united support of delegations from Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Michigan and Missouri.

SACRAMENTO MEETING.

Directors Elected for the Year—Report of Manager Bothwell.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sacramento Gold Mining and Milling company held in this city yesterday afternoon, the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: G. B. Bothwell, R. E. McConaughy, E. E. Jenkins, W. C. Hanna and H. Flynn.

The meeting had a representation of 899,898 shares out of the company's capitalization of 1,000,000, and the secretary's report showed that the receipts from gold cyanides during the year had been $69,615.16, declared from which was the sum of $69,195.26, an amount credited to dividends, mining, milling and development. This left a balance in the company's treasury of $18,862.48, an amount which, no doubt, doubles the 20,000 tons of ore in sight.

G. B. Bothwell, as manager of the company, submitted his report, a document which showed the property to be in splendid condition and in every way able to resume continuous dividend payments. "After much study of the situation," says the manager, "I think I am safe in saying that the company has developed 200,000 tons of semi-base ore that will average $10 in gold to the ton. That the Sacramento is to become one of the biggest mines among the great mines of the country, I have no reason to doubt. Three veins are considerably developed in the property, and a fourth one has been lately opened up, all carrying pantable milling ore, all of which are so close together that they are practically connected, making a zone in places nearly 200 feet thick."

Manager Bothwell congratulated the company upon its good fortune in securing the services of so capable and honest a superintendent as Mr. Flynn, and Chief Engineer Hill, and he also paid also a careful and painstaking man. His position has not been a pleasant one when the slime of ore milled the past year is considered, satisfactory results, of course, being impossible to secure. But the coming year should be much more agreeable.

Prospective Rush to the La Sals.

A letter from T. B. Crawford, who was late foreman on the river road construction, says the Grand Valley Times, states that on his return home in Grand Junction last week, he was called for information regarding the La Sal mountains. He states there is no doubt but that there will be a large rush of mining men on the mountains in the early spring. In this connection he will be entitled all that the La Sal mountains are a high range and that the mines discovered the past season are from 10,000 to 12,000 feet elevation and that it is still winter up there when we are picking strawberries in the valley, and not to come too early in the spring. It is twenty-five miles from Moab to the nearest points on the mountains by the trails.

Canada's Production of Gold.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Ont., under date of today says: The detailed report of the geological survey upon statistics of mines and minerals, for the year 1896 has been issued. It gives Canada's total mineral production for the year as $22,590,000, an increase of 125 per cent in ten years, the production in 1886 having been $10,000,000. The increase of mineral production in the United States for the same decade was forty per cent. The annual production per capita is $5 in the United States against $4.50 in Canada. In the production of gold, British Columbia stands credited with over 61 per cent and Nova Scotia with over 19 per cent. The northwest territories, including the Yukon district, came third with 13 per cent, and Ontario fourth, with about 5 per cent, while Quebec contributes much under 1 per cent.

Mammoth Record Notes.

The annual meeting of the Mammoth Mining company will be held on Feb. 1, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

A lease and bond has been given on the Rose Tweed to E. N. Jenkins and the development of the property will be vigorously pushed.

On the first of the year three shifts were put on the Mammoth mine and the force of miners is gradually being increased.

Manager W. J. Lawrence of the Star consolidated is at the mine today to start up the new hoist with a full force of workmen. The property will be thoroughly developed during the present season and shipments will be heavier than ever.

The Double Eagle Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Double Eagle Gold Mining company were filed with County Clerk Dunbar today. The capitalization is fixed at $10,000, divided into 100,000 shares of the par value of 10 cents. D. R. Bentley is president, Summer Westcott vice president, E. G. O'Donnell secretary, and J. W. Tye, treasurer.

Back to the Old Rollins.

A. B. Lewis, superintendent of the old Rollins mine in the Lincoln district, Beaver county, left for the scene of action last evening, after having marshaled three cars of ores, the same selling at $70 a ton, and netting the owners of the mine something like $2,500. The gentleman will now turn his attention to a shipment of carbonates from the same property and then he will leave for Tacoma, to commence operations on the Black Warrior, owned by the same people. Mr. Lewis is full of praises for the old Rollins and says the mine shows an 18-foot body of ore, which will net the copper many values like unto those just received from the ore recently marketed.

Settlements Under Protest.

A special to the Denver Times from Aspen, Colo., yesterday says: Aspen mine owners are settling for ore today under protest upon the only quotations for silver obtainable, 53c instead of 58c, the actual price. All settlements are subject to correction, and a strenuous one effort is being made to get the matter straightened out at once. All Aspen contracts have six months yet to run and call for New York spot cash price on day of settlement.

Dips and Spurs.

Silver, 53½; lead, $3.25.

Bechtey's delinquent sale was scheduled for this afternoon.

Samuel Newhouse of the Highland Boy was in the city today, having returned last evening from Kingston, where he inspected the mine and mill and found all well.

Grand Valley Times: Captain J. W. Angell has a number of men at work on his claim in the Dig Indian and Lisbon Copper districts, as well as a number at La Sal, in Paradox valley. Winter is not interfering with work at those points.

Logan Journal: Mr. R. D. Mites was in from Paradise yesterday. He is working on the "New State" mine, east of Mendon, and believes that the bonanza is in sight at last, and he and his partners will soon receive the reward of perseverance.

Logan Journal: W. H. Jackson was down from the Saddle Creek mines on Saturday. He reports everything being lively at the camp, despite the fact that three feet of snow has fallen there. Mr. Jackson believes that he is still being rushed and some good developments have taken place. Quite a body of galena has been discovered on the claim. They are stripping the vein of the Copper King and have uncovered it for a width of about 100 feet without having found either wall as yet. Very satisfactory returns have been recently received from assays made lately.

COMMERCIAL.

New York, Jan. 5.—A few stocks showed slight losses at the opening of the market this morning, but the tone was quite steady, and many prices showed small gains. Lower prices for Americans from London had a depressing effect on International securities. Good buying orders appeared in various parts of the list under which prices hardened a fraction in the railroads and over a point in some other shares, which Sugar, Tobacco and Metropolitan Street railway. A raid was made on the Southern and Southwestern railroad shares. Heaviness of these stocks affected the general market slightly, but recoveries soon ensued, a demand for the cheapers strengthening the list. The Southerns and Southwesterns retained the losses.

Bonds were moderately active and firm.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

MONEY.

New York, January 5.—Money on call firm at par per cent; last loan 1 per cent; closed 1@1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for demand and 4.82¾@4.83 for sixty days.

Posted rates $4.83@4.84.

Commercial bills 4.81¾.

Silver certificates 57½@58.

Bar silver 58½.

Mexican dollars 45½.

Government bonds strong; state bonds dull; railroad bonds firm.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, January 5.

HOGS—Estimated receipts today 42,000 head; left over 2,000 head; market fairly active; 5@10 cents lower. Light, $3.40@3.65; mixed, $3.45@3.65; heavy, $3.40@3.65; rough, $3.40@3.45.

CATTLE—Receipts 16,500 head; steady to 10 cents lower. Beeves, $3.90@5.35; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.40; Texas steers, $3.20@4.30; stockers and feeders, $3.20@4.10.

SHEEP—Receipts 15,000 head; best grades steady; others 10@15 cents lower. Native sheep, $3.90@4.30; western, $3.60@4.40; lambs, $4.00@5.80.

PRODUCE.

WHEAT—May wheat opened at 80@8, advanced to 80¾@81, declined to 80¼.

Closing — Wheat — January, 80¼; May, 80¾; July, 87½; September, 78¾; December, 77¼.

CORN—January, 29½; May, 29¾.

OATS—January, 21; May, 23¾.

PORK—January, $9.15; May, $9.35.

LARD—January, $4.77; May, $4.90.

RIBS—January, $4.52; May, $4.70@4.72.

BARLEY—29@45.

RYE—45½.

FLAX—$1.16.

TIMOTHY—$2.60.

CASH.

Wheat No. 2, red, 80@81; No. 3 red, 85@86; No. 2 spring, 80@81; No. 3 spring, 76@78; No. 1 hard winter, 80@81; No. 2 hard winter, 80@81; No. 1 new spring, 80@81.

Corn, No. 2, 29½@29¾; No. 3, 29@29½; No. 2 white, 29½@29¾; No. 3, 29@29½.

SAN FRANCISCO.

PRODUCE.

San Francisco, January 5 — Wheat firm; May, 1.08¾.

PROVO.

PROVO, UTAH, JAN. 5, 1898.

County Business.

The county commissioners met yesterday and transacted the following business:

County Attorney King reported adversely upon the petition of Andrew J. Stewart Jr., to be permitted to pay the taxes on one half of certain property situated in Utah county and sold for taxes, and have the property redeemed. The grounds stated in the report is that the property is in litigation between Mr. Stewart and Mr. A. F. Doremus of Salt Lake, and the report recommends a "no" case to Mr. Stewart if he will pay it taxes on all the property. Report accepted.

The county attorney also reported in the matter of taxes assessed on sheep belonging to Taylor, King & Rockhill of Spanish Fork in 1896. The same sheep were assessed in January of the same year by the county assessor of Grand county and demand made for immediate payment, which was refused. Special instructions were given concerning the sheep without authority and gained the suit in the lower court; it is now on appeal to the Supreme court. The report recommends that the tax be collected, and in case the Grand county assessor gains the suit, then the amount collected by Summit and Utah county will collect its portion from Grand county. Report adopted.

He also reported adversely upon the application of the Northern Star Mining company to have taxes returned on the ground that no notice of assessment was received in time to have the board of equalization hear the error in the assessment, which is claimed to have been too high. The report holds that the company failed to apply in the proper time for a reduction, the application should be denied. Report adopted.

The following reports of officers for December were received:

The county recorder collected	$127 25
The sheriff collected	29 15
The county clerk collected	132 45

The county treasurer reported as follows on the receipts and disbursements of the county school taxes:

Balance on hand Nov. 30th	$10,052 42
County school taxes collected	158 86
Total	$10,211 72
Disbursements	2,588 07
Balance on hand	$ 4,727 65

The same officer reported on the financial condition of the county:

Balance on hand Dec. 1st	$11,639 28
Receipts	2,219 12
Total	$13,858 40
Disbursements	4,301 05
Balance on hand	$13,941 45
Less 2 per cent delinquent scrip redeemed	7 28

Actual balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1898 ..... $13,939 28

Fish and Game Warden Newell reported for the year ending December 1st, 1897:

Amount of fish caught and sold—

Trout, 11,000 lb @ 10 2-3 cts	$ 1,540
Black bass, 20,000 @ 12½ cts	2,750 00
Carp, 20,000 @ 2 cts	2,200 00
Suckers and chubs, 100,000 lb @ 1½ cts	2,400 00
Ducks, 400 dozen @ $1.25	500 00
Grouse, 200 dozen @ $1.75	350 00
Total	$13,740 28

Number of live bass furnished to stock different ponds and public waters in and out of the State—

B. W. Barnes, Kaysville, 40 small, 20 large	60	
H. M. Furniss, Layton, Emery county, 129 small, 20 large	149	
John Westphal, Pleasant Grove, 59 large	59	
William Hawe, Driggs, Idaho, 100 small, 49 large	149	
J. S. Swan, Cherokee state warden, 5,000 small	5,000	
Aaron Hall, Provo, 90 large, 80 small	170	
Geo. Roberts, Woods Cross, 25 large	25	
Chas. Yost, Yost, Boxelder county, 100 small, 16 large	116	
W. H. Grant, American Fork, 90 large	90	
State of Utah for Bear Lake, Bear River and Beaver River	3,500	
Thos. Collins, Provo, 40 large	40	
James J. Talmage, Provo Bench, 12 large	12	
Total	13,341	

Arrests for violation of the fish law, 16; fines collected, $132.50; arrests for violation of game law, none. All collections made by Newell were for taking trout during the closed season, except two, which were for selling undersized fish, which fines were paid and orders were ordered sold for the benefit of the county treasury.

The petition of J. C. Warfield as justice of the peace of Spring Lake was accepted.

The treasurer was instructed to releasing tax sales for 1896, to collect the original tax and 25 per cent of the total interest and costs to date of redemption.

A large number of reports of justice of the peace and other officers, and applications for release of taxes on mortgages, etc., were considered.

Fourth District Court.

The following business was transacted in the Fourth District court yesterday:

Adam Anderson vs. B. Cluff Jr. et al; demurrer overruled; ten days given to answer.

Emeline Adair vs. Mecon Adair; summons ordered published.

Henry Gardner of Spanish Fork reported as a juror and was sworn in.

The jury in the State vs. James Williams returned a verdict of guilty of burglary. Sentence was set for tomorrow.

John Marsick vs. Utah County Fruit and Agricultural society et al; judgment reported and ordered made.

A jury was empaneled in the case of the State vs. William Shepherd, charged with burglary. The case against Mr. Line, warehouseman in the city at Goshen, Jan. 27, 1896, County Attorney King prosecuting and John R. Miner defending. The case was closely contested by Judge Miner. Although some of the stolen goods were found in the possession of Shepherd when he was arrested by Officer Baleich, in suit of the stolen goods from the store last year, the prosecution failed to connect him with the burglary, and after the evidence for the prosecution had in Mr. King asked that the jury be instructed to render a verdict of acquittal, which was done. He also asked that the case against Frank Smith, charged with the same offense, be dismissed, which was done. Miner, for the defendant, asked for a verdict of acquittal, the same jury that sat in Shepherd's case was empaneled and returned a verdict of not guilty.

This morning the case of William H. Black vs. the Rio Grande Western Railway commenced. Plaintiff sues for $10,000 damages for 5 dog special from the defendant company, which on Provo on November 1, 1897, and for rough treatment received, him by the employes of the company at that time. He alleges that he passed on the train for the purpose of going to Salt Lake City and that he was thrown from the car and beaten by the brakeman and conductor. The defendant in that he jumped on the platform of the baggage car with the intention to steal a ride and that no assault occurred. Force was used in removing him from the train. He was finally permitted to ride to Salt Lake City and paid his fare for so doing.

Notes and Personals.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jensen of the Second ward.

The following city officers have been appointed by the Spanish fork city council:

A pleasant surprise party was given Rev. J. C. Andrews by his friends Monday evening.

S. R. Thurman, attorney; Joseph S. Reynolds Jr., street superintendent; John Manning, sexton; H. S. Bird, postmaster; Dr. Fred Dunn, city physician; James Stone, dog tax collector.

Word was received from Springville testimony that farmers were contracting for increased acreage of beets with the sugar company's agent for the year. The price paid Springville farmers for beets is $4.00 per ton, delivered on the cars.

The following amounts have been collected in fees by the sheriff and recorder's office, respectively, for the year 1897: $821.87 and $2,350.60. The amount collected in the recorder's office is $629.60 in excess of the costs of conducting the office.

A carload of coal has been bought by the authorities of the Fourth ward and distributed to the poor. Twenty dollars of the amount paid for the coal was received from the committee in charge of the charity ball, and the remainder was contributed by members of the ward.

Last Sunday morning an infant girl was left at the door of Mr. Thomas Leonard, residing near the Rio Grande Pacific depot. There was a bundle of clothing left with the little one, but no note to the person who found the child. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have one adopted child and will also adopt the late arrival.

County Commissioner Winn of Lehi informed the "News" representative yesterday that a committee appointed by the Farmers' Union of Lehi to confer with the Sugar company with a view to obtaining $4.00 per ton for beets delivered at the sugar factory instead of $4.25, had failed to receive possible at the desired rate, and would make a report to a meeting of the union to be held last evening.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Jane Bennett, who died in Salt Lake City last Monday and was brought down to Provo yesterday for interment, were held in the Second ward meeting house, commencing at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was 78 years of age. She has been a resident of Provo for many years. She leaves a large number of descendants and many friends among whom her memory will ever be held in affectionate and honored remembrance.

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