

TAXING MINING PROPERTY.

THE heavy indebtedness of Montana, and the consequently heavy taxation there, with the recommendation of Governor Potts, in his message to the Legislature, to increase the revenue in order to lighten the indebtedness and prevent further debt, are inducing a feeling in favor of the taxation of mining property, hitherto exempt in part, in common with other property in that Territory, that the former as well as the latter may help to bear the public burdens.

A writer in the *New North-West* advocates this idea in manner like the following—

"In the early days of our Territory this was considered almost exclusively a mining country, and acting on the presumption that all industries must depend on the mines for their prosperity, our lawmakers deemed it judicious to exempt certain classes of mining property from taxation.

"Before public debts were incurred and while taxes were comparatively insignificant, this unequal distribution of taxation was submitted to without a murmur, but circumstances and conditions have changed and the overburdened taxpayers can now justly demand that all available sources of revenue shall be made to contribute towards sustaining the financial credit of the counties and Territory.

"As the subject of taxing mines, minerals, and other property now exempt is one of vital concern to taxpayers, it devolves on them, as being most directly interested, to recommend to our Legislature to so revise and so amend our revenue laws that by a more extended and equitable assessment a larger revenue, with less oppressive taxation, may be secured.

"The present financial status of some of our counties is such that a high tax under existing laws merely affords sufficient revenue to pay accruing interest and government expenses with the most judicious administration; whereas, the assessment of mines, and all other property now unfairly exempt, would in most cases give an increase in valuation of one-fourth, which, after a judicious reduction of per cent. tax, would yield an addition of twenty per cent. to the present revenue.

"No one will deny that the correct theory of taxation is to assess all property once a year at its cash value at private sale, but is there any conceivable reason that this *all* should not include ore bullion and mines?

"The miner who can cash his mine for \$10,000 is as veritably worth that amount as the merchant, mechanic or ranchman who possesses that value of property, and is equally able to pay taxes thereon. For illustration, we will suppose the quartz mill proprietor, at the time of assessment, has on hand ores and bullion to the amount of \$1,000; is there any more plausible reason for exempting these from assessment than there would be for exempting the same value of material and machinery in a foundry, or the wool and cloth in a factory? The miner owns a mine and has on the dump a quantity of ores, the product of this mine, for both of which there is a merchantable value; the farmer is possessor of a farm and a bin of grain, the product of this farm. Is there any perceptible reason that they should not all alike be taxed on their cash value?

"The hypothesis that all industries of the Territory depend on the mines for support is a fallacy long since exploded by natural progress.

"The stock growing business, which has rapidly grown to important magnitude, and from which a large proportion of our revenue is derived, is comparatively independent of the mines.

"Then may we not justly conclude from a dispassionate survey of all the circumstances that the exigencies of the case demand that ores, bullion, and all operated mines held under local, Territorial or general laws, and all other property now exempt, except public property, should be made taxable.

"I am aware that this is an unpopular subject and one that has been delicately handled by legislators and the press, and it is even intimated by some that the legislator who would take an active lead

in support of this measure would consign himself to future political obloquy; but the dark ages have passed and under the present enlightened civilization the zealous advocate of justice and equity can rest assured of a just reward of approbation from an intelligent constituency, and it is safe in this case to assert that nine-tenths of the miners of this Territory, who as a class are reasonable, intelligent and generous, are ready and willing to accept the situation, and are only too modest to publicly solicit the privilege of sharing equally with their fellow citizens the burdens of taxation.

"The financial exhibit presented by the Governor in his late message to the Legislature showed the deplorable financial condition of some of our counties, accompanied by his very suggestive remedy, viz.: reduction of expenses and increase of revenues."

Colorado Traders in Utah.

On the evening of the 22nd, we were pleased to see the return of certain parties with supplies from Utah, who left here in the latter part of October. They went by a circuitous route to Salina, Utah, 376 miles, thence to Salt Lake City, 176 miles farther. They returned with their teams in good condition, having made the round trip in about two months. Their route was down the Uncompahgre river valley to a point some fifteen miles below the agency, where they intersected the old Gunnison trail, which led them down the Uncompahgre river to its junction with the Gunnison. They followed this for two or three days, when they left it and struck out over a level plateau for the Grand river, on which they found a very good ford, the water being very shallow, and the stream about 500 feet wide; thence across a plateau in a westerly direction to the Green river; thence about seventy-five miles southwesterly to the base of the Wasatch range of mountains, where they struck the Salina Pass. The pass is very low and easy of access, the distance from the base to the summit being only six miles, of light grade, with an altitude not to exceed 9,000 feet. Fifteen miles down the other side is the little valley of Salina, from which the town takes its name, and which is the nearest Utah Settlement to Ouray. The present population of the place is one hundred, but owing to its close proximity to the pass, must eventually become a town of some importance. Twenty miles from here they found the little Mormon town of Gunnison, with 400 to 500 inhabitants, and thirty miles farther on, Manti city. Here they found an abundance of such articles as the country produced, in the market at very low prices; such as flour, \$2.10 per hundred; butter, 25 cents; eggs 25 cents; potatoes 35 cents per bushel; beans, 3 cents per pound; dried Salt Lake peaches, 12 cents, and dried apples, 6 cents per pound.

This place, they report, is the proper one to outfit for this country, as everything produced in the locality can be found here, and at figures that will not justify parties in going to York, the present terminus of the Utah Southern railroad, which is seventy-six miles south of Salt Lake city. From here the party took in the surrounding country, some going as far as Salt Lake.

They report the country over which they traveled as "A No. 1" for grazing and agricultural purposes, except that lying between the Green river and the Wasatch range; this is of an alkali and quicksand formation, and is one continuous level plain. The Gunnison, Grand and Green rivers are quite large streams, the ford on the Grand being about 500 feet wide, with smooth bottom, and the water not deep enough to wet the axles of their wagons. To persons who know where to ford the streams, they report no danger at any time excepting in high water stages, which is probably in the months of June and July, whilst at the same time a false move might at any time prove disastrous. They found food, wood and water all along the route at intervals sufficiently close to afford very good facilities for camping, and made the trip from here to Salina, with oxen, in nineteen days. It is the opinion of those with whom I conversed that the route to the latter place can, by

sending out an exploring party, be made 100 miles shorter; this would leave us distant from Manti, the outfitting point, only about 320 miles, over a road that with \$500 or less expended in rope ferries, &c., a single team can haul 2,500 pounds the whole year round, and as the country adjacent to these streams affords excellent facilities for stock raising, it is to be hoped that another season at least will find the necessary improvement made to enable us to travel this route the year round.—*Ouray Cor. of Colorado Prospector.*

MONTANA NOTES.

Bozeman *Avant Courier*, January 26—

They were plowing for spring wheat in Deer Lodge county ten days ago.

A miner by the name of Williams was caved on, in the Hope mine, Philipsburg, and it took twenty-five men five hours and a half to uncover him. When found he was unconscious, being fastened by a timber. No bones broken.

The directors of the People's National Bank, Helena, have elected Charles L. Dahler, president, and George W. Fox, cashier, and declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on capital stock.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, Feb. 5—

On Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 1877, at 2 p.m., a People's Caucus will be held in the City Hall in this city, for the purpose of nominating a Mayor, three Aldermen, and five Councilors for Ogden City, to be elected on Monday, February 12th, 1877.

Mr. Joseph Wright, of this city, returned home last evening. He much enjoyed his trip to England, and his visits among his relatives and friends. But his return journey was not so pleasant. The vessel in which he sailed, or rather "steamed," back to the shores of Columbia, strayed from her course, lost her rudder, was tossed on the bosom of the vasty deep for twenty-seven days, when ordinarily she could have made the passage in ten, and altogether cut up tantrums which no respectable ship ought to indulge in. Mr. Wright looks first-rate, and has received a cordial welcome home from his numerous friends and acquaintances.

FEARFUL HURRICANE AT SEA.

—In a letter to a friend in this city, dated "At Sea, Dec. 29, '76, off Scilly Isle," Mr. S. H. Byers, author of the song of "Sherman's March to the Sea," and at present United States Consul at Zurich, writes:

"We are just approaching the light-house on Scilly Isle, and I write a line to say that we are almost safely over the great sea. We have had a very bad voyage, and our ship, the *Elysia*, of the Anchor Line, is much injured. On Christmas night we experienced a fearful hurricane that turned our ship and took us back thirty miles. It was something perfectly awful, I assure you, and we all feared for our lives. The wind and the sea roared terrifically, so much so as to drown even the noise of the thunder. The ocean was aflame with lightning. We spent hours standing in the passageways of the ship, hanging on to doors, &c., not knowing but the next sea would break the ship in two and swallow us up. The mainsail was gone, the great boom broken, the wheelhouse doors smashed in, and the bridge nearly giving way; the principal life-boat was torn to pieces, and much other damage done to the ship. You may know we were glad when morning came, and we shall not soon forget Christmas night of 1876."

Mr. Byers, in company with his accomplished wife and their two young children, was on his way back to his post, and their many friends will be glad to learn of their safe arrival on the other side of the ocean.

—*Washington Star.*

A GERMAN MILITARY KITCHEN.

—The German government has recently built a kitchen a thousand feet long, and all of stone and iron, to supply food for the army in time of war. Its machinery is driven by two eighteen-hundred horse-power

engines, and is capable of boiling down and condensing within portable limits a hundred and seventy oxen, grinding three hundred and fifty tons of flour, and making three hundred thousand loaves of bread daily. It is also able to supply enough preserved oats for one day's feeding of the horses belonging to an army of two hundred and eighty thousand men.

The Eastern Question might be termed the Yeastern Question, for it is continually rising and working and fermenting—it is never still.

Rev. Dr. Newman appears to be a lobbyist as well as an opponent of Bible marriage, an inspector of consulates, an importer of Scotch whiskey, and President Grant's favorite preacher. A Washington paper of Jan. 29 says, "Rev. Dr. Newman and some other clergymen of the city were at the House today, urging on members to sustain President Grant in his veto of the bill abolishing the Board of Police Commissioners."

The Prescott, Arizona *Miner* says, "The legislature of a thousand drinks became famous in California; and the ninth in Arizona will certainly be entitled to distinction as the legislature of a thousand divorces."

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