

# MINING, BUSINESS AND STOCKS

## COLUMBUS CON. CONCENTRATOR.

Plans Have Been Completed and Contract for Construction Will Be Let This Week.

## CAPACITY TO BE INCREASED.

Plant Will Treat 150 Tons of Ore Daily—Will Be Ready for Operation In July.

The Columbus Consolidated mine at Alta is to be equipped with a larger mill than the management had in contemplation a few months ago. Such was the information released today by Manager Tony Jacobson. Formerly, it was the intention to erect the initial plant with capacity for the treatment of 100 tons per day, but it is to be raised to 150 tons.

The plans have been completed and during the present week Manager Jacobson will award the contracts for the construction of the building, placing of machinery, etc.

It will be remembered that the West-Kearns mill at Park City was purchased some time ago at a price considered to be a bargain. The machinery of this plant is to be taken down, overhauled and moved over to Alta at the earliest date possible. The balance of the equipment will be new and modern, so when completed, the Columbus will have a mill equal to any of its kind in the state.

Manager Jacobson expects to dispose of the matters concerning the construction of the mill before leaving for the east again early next week. The plant is to be ready for commission not later than July 15 next.

During the past year wonderful progress has been made with development at the Columbus; great bodies of milling ore have been blocked out in addition to a very gratifying lot of high grade stuff.

The Columbus will undoubtedly enter the dividend column by the close of the present year.

## DAILY WEST RALLIES.

But Afterwards Declined—Forenoon Sales On Change.

There was another rally of Daily-West during the morning calls of the mining exchange today, but before the close the stock seemed too heavy again and was inclined to waver. The opening sale was made at \$29.75; it then jumped to \$30, followed by a drop of a dollar a share; \$29 being the closing bid.

Butter-Liberal was brought out at 10 1/2 cents and New York Bonanza offered at 8 1/2 cents found a taker.

Tetro remained firm and sold on the open board at 36 cents. Con. Mercur weakened, none transferring, however. For Grand Central \$4 was bid, while it was offered at \$4.50.

The closing quotations and sales were posted as follows:

Stocks.	A	Bid.	Asked.
Alta	15		
Alta	7 1/2	10 1/2	
Carls	7		
Con. Mercur	55 1/2	7	
Crede	20		
Daily	2.60	2.45	
Daily-Judge	4.50	4.35	
Daily-West	29.00	29.80	
E. & B. Bell	50	75	
Grand Central	4.00	4.50	
Ingot	31	33	
Lower Mammoth	6 1/2	6 1/4	
May Day	20		
Mammoth	1.15		
Montana-Tonopah	1.25 1/2	1.35	
Ontario	5.25		
Sacramento	18	20	
Silver King	62	60	
Silver Shield	3 1/2	4 1/4	
Star Con.	14 1/2	15 1/4	
Sunshine	10	20	
Swansea	10	60	
Tetro	18 1/2	20	
Uncle Sam Con.	21.25 1/2		
Butter-Liberal	10 1/2	10 1/2	
Century	77		
Dalton	1 1/2	1	
Emerald	1	1	
Joe Rogers	8	8 1/2	
La Reine	3 1/2	4 1/4	
Little Chief	2 1/2	2 1/2	
Manhattan	3 1/4	3 1/4	
Martha Washington	1 1/2	1 1/2	
New York	8	8 1/2	
Richmond	1	1 1/2	
Tetro	35	36 1/2	
Victor	2 1/2	5	
Wabash	6	6	
Yankee	45	47	

## REGULAR CALL SALES.

Daily-West—20 at 25.75; 152 at 30.00; 100 at 29.90; 5 at 29.85; 10 at 29.50.  
Butter-Liberal—1,000 at 10.  
New York Bonanza—400 at 8 1/2.

## OPEN BOARD SALES.

Daily-West—10 at 25.25.  
Little Chief—1,000 at 2 1/4.  
New York Bonanza—1,000 at 8 1/2.  
Star Consolidated—300 at 14 1/2.  
Tetro—500 at 36.

## RECAPITULATION.

Shares. Value.  
Regular call ..... 1,677 \$3,734.75  
Open board ..... 2,810 629.75  
Forenoon totals ..... 4,487 \$9,364.50

## WRONG IMPRESSION GOES OUT

Concerning the Scales Used at the Pioneer Sampling Works.

The item published that the Pioneer Sampling company had made a demand upon County Clerk James, the official sealer of weights and measures of the county, to have its scales tested by him, seems to have conveyed the impression to some that the company's scales had been weighing incorrectly and that there had been some complaints filed with the management, which was not the case at all. On the contrary, so far as Manager J. B. Jensen knows, there has never been anything the matter with the Pioneer scales. All sampling mills, smelters, etc., must have the very best equipment of this kind, and this matter has not been neglected at the Pioneer plant. Manager Jensen said concerning them today:

"We have in operation complete sets of new Fairbanks scales at our works, which are doing very fine work, but it is our custom to send our own expert and test and standardize all our scales twice

every year. The fact that settlements are made on our weights for all material handled by us makes it necessary that our scales be absolutely correct, hence we have adopted this method of standardizing twice a year. This work was done six months ago, and we are now about to send down our expert again, who uses his own standards, and while we have no doubt as to their absolute accuracy, we consider it proper inasmuch as the state is provided with a set of standards, that we use them, and have therefore made application to the county clerk to have him attend to this matter."

## THE MONTANA-TONOPAH.

A Depth of 750 Feet in the Shaft Is Reported by Supt. Badgatt.

In his last weekly report of conditions at the Montana-Tonopah, Superintendent Ezra F. Badgatt says: "We have reached a depth of 750 feet in the shaft and are ready to start to cross-cut to the north, and this work will be pushed as rapidly as possible with machine drills. We have started a winze to connect the 612 and 750 levels. The east drift on the Macdonald ledge on the 500 level is opening up into a large body of ore. This shaft was somewhat broken last week, but the ledge now shows up good and strong. The winze between the 500 and 600 levels will be finished within a few days. On account of the bad ventilation we cannot work any more men in the stopes until this connection is made, and are producing ore only from development work. As soon as the winze is completed we will have perfect ventilation throughout the mine down to the 600 level. The cross-cut which is being pushed to tap the oxidized ledge on the 600 level has about sixty feet more to run before it reaches the ledge. The mine generally is looking splendid, and the ore shipments are about as usual."

## HEALY'S NEW VENTURE.

Former Superintendent of the Salt Lake-Tonopah Makes a Mine Purchase.

According to the Tonopah Bonanza, J. M. Healy, the well known mining man and former superintendent of the Salt Lake company's properties, has purchased a one-third interest in the bond recently secured by Messrs. Pittman & Briggs in the Crown Point property, six miles north of town. Not much work has been done on these claims, but they show up exceedingly well, and give great promise for the future.

## Open Shop Plan.

Victor, Colo., March 23.—James P. Burns, president of the Portland Mining company and largely interested in the Midget mine, from which the miners were called out last Saturday, has made the following statement:

"You can state positively for me that the mine is not closed for the present, but when it is worked it will be on the 'open shop' plan. We will employ whatever miners we wish and we will ship to whatever mills and smelters we choose."

Mr. Burns continued to operate the Portland mine since the miners' strike, having agreed to the terms of the union.

## CONCENTRATES.

Joseph Dederich is in Beaver county. James Ivers is in Idaho on mining business.

Two cars of Yampa matte are in the market today.

The Grand Central mine reported with several cars of ore today.

Manager C. H. Derr went out to the Consolidated Mercur this morning.

A car lot of Utah ore was forwarded to the mill from Fish springs on the 20th inst.

The delinquent stock sale of the New Wing Mining company is scheduled for tomorrow.

Secy. A. E. Snow of the Columbus Consolidated will arrive home from Chicago tonight.

Superintendent A. O. Jacobson has returned to the Columbus Consolidated properties at Alta.

Superintendent James Hickey of the Comstock mine at Park City is down from camp again.

The property of the Federal Mining company in Beaver county is being surveyed for patent.

C. K. McCormick and D. H. Peery are scheduled to arrive home from Los Angeles tomorrow.

Supt. Charles Crismon of the Utah mine at Fish Springs expects to go back to camp again on Monday.

The ore and bullion settlements reported last yesterday were as follows: Crude ores and concentrates, \$20,000; base bullion, \$45,400; gold bars, \$11,700.

J. C. Ralston, M. E., left yesterday morning on a business trip to San Francisco and Salt Lake. He will be gone about two weeks.—Tonopah Bonanza.

Lee Antles, a well known mining man and merchant of Castleton, Grand county, is in the city today. He says mining in that section is looking up and citizens feel very hopeful of the future.

Samuel Ware, lessee of the Sunbeam mine in Tintic county, is endeavoring to enter into a contract with the valley smelters with such liberal terms attached to it that will enable him to market the silicious ore of that property at a profit.

The Utah Copper company has agreed to contract to deliver the entire product of its Bingham concentrating plant to the American Smelting & Refining company for a period of seven and a half years.

The Montana-Tonopah company has purchased 23,000 brick from the Tonopah Pressed Brick company, and it will be used in laying the foundation for the hoisting plant now being put in.—Tonopah Bonanza.

Manager Ernest Bamberger and Engineer E. A. Vall of the Fortuna mine at Bingham spent yesterday at that property. Preparations are being made to start up a vigorous campaign of development.

The New York Bonanza is again in full operation. The 10 gallon capacity pump which began drawing water off Tuesday, worked like a charm and soon the lower levels were drained. About five feet of water had accumulated at the station on the 400-foot level. The property was looking splendid just prior to the flooding of the mine and some of the stockholders are predicting important developments in the property within the next few days, a prediction which they claim is based on actual appearances in the mine.—Park City Miner.

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## FIRST CONTRACTS AWARDED TODAY.

A Milwaukee Firm Outbids Competitors and Will Furnish Machinery for Newhouse Mill.

## CAPACITY OF PLANT 600 TONS.

Shipping Weight of Machinery 450,000 Pounds—Structural Steel Bidders May Know Their Fate Today.

There are some jubilant machinery men in the city today, likewise some disappointed ones. The first contracts in connection with the construction of the big concentrator for the Cactus mine in Beaver county, which is owned and operated by the Newhouse Mines & Smelters corporation, were awarded. The contracts for the structural steel had not been let at noon, but those for the milling and transmission machinery had been. These went to the Power & Mining Machinery company, of Milwaukee, successors to the Holtorf Mining Machinery company, of which James J. Burke is the local representative. The final agreements were signed up shortly after noon when Samuel Newhouse attached his name to the documents on behalf of the Newhouse Mines & Smelters corporation and Mr. H. C. Holtorf, president of the machinery company, did the same in behalf of the latter.

The deliveries are all to be made within 100 days from this date, which means about July 1.

This contract calls for all the machinery required to operate a concentrator plant of the capacity of 600 tons per day, excepting the tables, which are to be followed closely by the weight of this machinery will aggregate about 450,000 pounds.

Another successful competitor was the Allis-Chalmers company, which is to furnish two sets of crushing rolls. Of course this firm is disappointed in not capturing more of the "persimmons," but evidently they were under-bidden.

It will be somewhat of a surprise to many to learn that the initial plant will not be of a greater capacity than 600 tons, but it is understood, power facilities will be provided for at least three times this amount, so it will be a matter of little difficulty to add to it at any time.

There are several more big contracts to be awarded and the successful bidders will probably be advised before the end of the week. The one calling for the structural steel will probably be the next to be followed closely by the ones to furnish the electrical and power machinery.

Within a very short time the new town of Newhouse will present some busy scenes and it will rapidly grow into one of the leading mining towns of the state. It will not be many weeks until dirt will be flying on the extension of the railroad tracks from Frisco.

## BOWRING BOND FAILS.

Copper Mountain Mine in Beaver County Sold by the Sheriff.

The bond on the property of the Copper Mountain Mining & Milling company in Beaver county, given to W. J. Bowring and associates for \$125,000, has lapsed, the latter having failed to comply with the conditions of the contract in regard to taking up the company's indebtedness. As a result of this, the mine was allowed to be sold under the hammer by the sheriff of Beaver county, which was done in Beaver City yesterday afternoon.

This was most unfortunate, as it is stated that claims were made against the company which the corporation did not owe. No fight was made in the courts, and the whole matter went by default.

It is now up to the stockholders to take action and redeem the mine, which they have six months' time to do.

The directors of the company will meet in a few days and steps will be taken in that direction. It is probable that an assessment will be levied.

The Copper mountain has long been considered to be one of the best mining properties in Beaver county, but it has passed through a series of unfortunate and disastrous circumstances. The stockholders of the company cannot afford to let matters drift along as they have in the past. It is time for them to act if they want to save the mine from a Waterloo.

It is said there are claims against the company aggregating between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

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## MARCHING TO THE FRONT.

The low buildings, the oriental looking roofs, the Manchesees standing in front of their doors and the Russian column swinging down the main street of Port Arthur, all serve to carry the



RUSSIAN TROOPS IN PORT ARTHUR.

mind to the strange world of the far east, where another scene is being enacted in the universal human drama. It is one of the indications of the larger sympathies of the present day that neither difference of race nor distance can make men entirely alien to us.

## LOCAL MARKETS.

The local markets show few changes today. There has been no further rise in flour, and it is not known when there will be. Cucumbers are down to 15 cents, blue point oysters are out of the market, and the wholesale price of veal is up one cent. Turkeys are again in the market from Kansas, and good looking birds they are too. There is a tendency of eggs to lower in price. The figures obtaining today in both the wholesale and retail markets are as follows:

## RETAIL.

### FARM PRODUCTS.

Wheat, per bushel	1.10
Corn, per 100 pounds	1.30
Corn, cracked, per 100 pounds	1.35
Montana oats, per 100 pounds	1.30
Idaho oats, per 100 pounds	1.70
Barley, rolled, per 100 pounds	1.50
Flour, family, per 100 pounds	2.65
Flour, straight grade, 100 pounds	2.75
Flour, high patent, per 100 pounds	2.95
Flour, antiseptic, per 100 pounds	2.95
Straight shorts	1.30

### MEATS AND POULTRY.

Dressed beef, per pound	12 1/2 to 20c
Dressed pork, per pound	13 to 17 1/2c
Dressed veal, per pound	12 1/2 to 20c
Dressed mutton, per pound	13 to 15c
Dressed lamb, per pound	17 1/2 to 20c
Dressed hens, per pound	18c and 20c
Dressed springs, per pound	22c
Turkeys	25c

### DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Butter, per pound	25
Cheese, per pound	15 to 20c
Eggs, per dozen	20
Pancake, per pound	15 to 20c
Eastern eggs, per pound	20

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Turnips, per peck	20
Parasips, per peck	20
Beets, per peck	20
California Cauliflower, per pound	15
Oranges, per box	32 to 35.00
Oranges, per dozen	15 to 20
Arbuckles coffee, per pound	15 to 20
Limes, per 100	1.50
California radishes, per bunch	5c
Bananas, per dozen	30
Utah apples, per peck	60 to 1.00
Potatoes, per bushel	15 to 20
California green beans, per pound	15
Fancy dry onions, four pounds	25
Carrots, per peck	20
Utah celery, two bunches	15
Dill pickles, per pound	15
California green peas, per pound	15
Pigeons, per peck	25
Cranberries, two quarts	25
Mixed nuts, two pounds	35
Cabbage, one pound	5c
Rhubarb, per pound	15
Spinach, per pound	15
Cucumbers, each	10 to 12 1/2c
Sprouts, per pound	15
Green beans, two pounds	35
Water cresses, per bunch	5c
Peas, per pound	10c to 15c
Peas, per bushel	1.50
Green onions, three bunches for	10
Cocoanuts, each	10
Lettuce, per bunch	10
Chicory, per bunch	10
Spinach, per bunch	10
Spinach, four pounds for	25
Cucumbers, each	10
Fresh tomatoes, per pound	25

### FISH.

Chinook salmon, per pound	20c
Halibut, per pound	15
Stripped bass per pound	15
Sea bass	15
Shad, per pound	15
Soles, two for	25
Flounders, per pound	15c, two for 25
California smelts, per pound	15
Fresh cod	15
Salmon, per pound	15
N. Y. Cod Oyster, per can	60
Extra select, per can	50
Extra select, per quart	80
Standards, per quart	50
Crabs, each	25 to 35
Shrimp, per quart	20
Eastern cat	20

### WHOLESALE.

#### FARM PRODUCTS.

Alfalfa, per ton, baled	\$11.00
Timothy, per ton, baled	15.00
Wheat, per bushel	1.10
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#### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN CHINA.

The announcement recently made that the Italian legation at Peking has been provided with a wireless telegraph station which enables direct communication to be maintained between the legation and vessels of the Italian fleet in Chinese waters, calls attention to the recent development and application of this means of communication which should have been greatly appreciated at the time of the siege of the legations in Peking in 1900.

Thus the Italian legation will be able to communicate with its ships at Taku and Tien-tsin without recourse to the lines of the Chinese government, and may even reach them while cruising about the northern part of the China Sea. The use of wireless telegraphy for such diplomatic purposes, as well as in military and naval operations, seems capable of considerable extension, especially in semi-civilized countries, where the capital is distant from the seaport.—Harper's Weekly.

#### WOLSELEY AND THE REPORTER.

Lord Wolseley has always exhibited a keen dislike of war correspondents. On one occasion a well-known pressman and a personal friend of the general joined the headquarters and reported himself at the commander-in-chief's tent to have his papers vised and get permission to go forward to the fighting line. Greeting him with a hearty shake of the hand, Wolseley brought through the documents and then said, with a twinkle in his eye: "You want these signed. Well, I suppose I must; but if I had my way I would send you to the rear and have you shot." And with this genial threat he wished his friend Godspeed.—London Outlook.

#### THE WORSE MALADY.

Miss Sweeting: What is the matter