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Gold and Silver Mining in the United States.

IT must be evident to the most casual observer that the business of mining for the precious metals is rapidly on the increase in our country, and promises at no distant day to become one of the most important branches of our national industry. Deposits of gold and silver have now been discovered throughout the entire Mountain ranges of the interior, from the Rocky mountains on the East to the Sierra Nevada on the West, and from Mexico on the south to the British possessions on the north. The resources of the country in this respect are literally boundless. The only question that remains is, whether these astonishing endowments of nature can be made practically available; and this, we are glad to say, is in the process daily and hourly of a most satisfactory solution.

If we turn to California, where gold mining has passed from its earlier stages of placer and gulch diggings, to that of quartz-mining, as a regular and well-established business, we find that the returns of this year are largely in excess of those of last, the receipts of gold at New York from California, from January 1st, 1866, to November 21st, 1866, being \$38,297,350, against \$18,162,107 during the same periods in 1865. Doubtless the year 1867 will show a large increase over this year, from the simple fact that in quartz mining the productiveness increases as the business becomes well established, with plenty of capital for improvements, and for the thorough development of the mines.

In Nevada, the production of silver still increases, and the area of silver-bearing lodes is being daily extended by new and rich discover'es. It is only six years since the silver mines in Nevada were discovered, and although they have been developed to only a limited extent, they have already yielded an astonishing product. In the month of July of the present year, the Hale and Norcross mines yielded from the 1st to the 23d \$100,000, with an estimated yield of \$130,000 for the month. The yield of the Gould and Cu ry tor July was \$125,000; of Crown Point, \$50,000; and of Yellow Jacket, for the year ending June 30, \$2,072,814. Speaking of the resources of that State, one of its local journals remarks:-"The richness of the quartz mines of Nevada is not confined to any particular locality, but the deposits of the precious metal permeate to the length and breadth; its mines are rich and valuable to a fabulous degree. Notwithstanding the immense amount of work already done, prospects made, and ledges opened up, there is yet an immense tract of unexplored ground, equal to any already discovered."

The discovery of the precious metals in Colorado was of nearly the same date with that of Nevada. The peculiar character of her ores has embarrassed her development and retarded her progress; but it is believed that this difficulty has now been virtually overcome by new and improved processes of reducing the ores, while the whole business of mining there has been placed upon a more sound and reliable basis. The near completion of the Pacific Railroad is giving an impetus to emigration in that direction, and is increasing the facilities and lessening the cost of mining to an extent that must contribute greatly to the growth of Colorado in the immediate future. In addition to her gold mines, rich lodes of silver-bearing quartz have been discovered, which are said by experienced miners to be quite equal to those of Novada, while the tacilities for their reduction are far superior. Coal, too, has been discovered in Colorado, and now sells for five dollars per ton at the mouth of the mines.

But little has been said about Montana during the present year, but those who are acquainted with the actual condition of mining operations there are aware that they were never more prosperous. Gulch and placer mining still proves profitable, while capitalists are erecting mills upon the quartz lodes, which are proving exceedingly rich. We happen to know a company of gentlemen in our own city who, during the present year, have quietly organized, sent a mill out there, erected it upon a lode near Helena, and are already receiving weekly returns in gold paying a very handsome percentage upon the investment. Other enterprises are proving similarly successful, demonstrating the fact that the quartz ledges of Montana. with machinery, tools, and supplies all brought up the Missouri river a distance of nearly two thousand miles, are rich enough to make fheir development a very remunerative business.

The mineral wealth of New Mexico has long been known, but peculiar causes have hitherto prevented its being made practically available. We are glad to observe, however, that the present able and energetic Governor of that erritory, General Robert S. Mitchell. has taken hold of matters there with the design of placing them upon a better basis. The Governor arrived in Lawrence. Kansas, a few days ago, on his way to Washington. He brings with him numerous specimens of the great mineral riches of New Mexico, comprising beautiful specimens of quartz and

guich silver, lead, copper, platinum. etc. He has one bar of gold of the value of \$1700 and another \$1100, taken from the Pimo Alto mines, two hundred miles southwest of Santa Fe. These mines have recently been opened, and are very rich. Their existence has been known for years, but owing to the hostilities of the Apaches and Navajoes, they could not be worked until the Governor sent down a force and cleaned out the savages. They are now being successfully mined. The quartz from these mines pays from \$170 to \$700 per cord. He has a fine nugget from the gulch diggings, valued at \$300, which he is taking as a present to the President at Washington. He brings copper specimens containing 95 per cent. of pure copper. The specimens of silver are fully equal to the celebrated and richest silver lodes of Nevada.

The development of the mines in Arizona has been retarded by the same causes, only more aggravated, that have kept back New Mexico, viz., the depredations of bands of savage and murderous Indians. There, too, a better state of things is prevailing. A Territorial Government has been fully organized, a good code of laws adopted, and the savages reduced to comparative quiet. The mountains of Arizona are peculiarly rich in the precious metals. They are but a continuation of the same range that has given such astonishing results in Nevada, on the north, and has been so well known for centuries for its silver resources in old Mexico. on the south. Additional advantages in Arizona are its more southerly latitude, giving it a milder climate, and the better supplies of wood and water. It has an ou let too, by way of the Colorado river, which is of great importance.

In regard to the present condition of mining enterprises in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, we are not prepared to speak; but we have seen nothing to indicate any different state of affairs there from what prevails in the other gold and silver-mining districts of the

From this brief survey, it may be seen to what a magnitude the business of mining for the precious metals has already grown, and is destined yet to attain in our country. In six or eight of the present and future States of the republic, embracing an area greater than that of many an Old World empire, this branch of industry will be the chief one. All the resources of science and invention will be la'd under contr'bution to perfect its processes. A vast increase of the precious metals, both in the form of money and in the arts, is inevitable. What the final effect of ail this is to be it is hard to predict. The immediate effect must be to stimulate industry in all its branches. Capital will be superabundant. Probably a gradual appreciation of the prices of all commodities will be witnessed. Our national debt will be easily and rapidly paid. Immense private fortunes will be built up, and an era of weelth such as the world has never yet seen will be inaugurated.

The Chicago Tunnel. THE great tunnel at Chicago, for the purpose of supplying that city with water, is nearly completed. its success is a gratifying triumph of engineering skill, and at once points out a method by which cities similarly situated may secure supplies of good water. Chicago is built upon an almost perfectly level prairie. upon the shores of Lake Michigan. There are no elevated regions near at hand from which water could be brought to supply the city. The only large stream near by is the Chicago river, a sluggish, filthy stream, full of the sewage of the city. Heretefore the city has supplied itself with water from the lake, but the difficulty has been that the lake itself, all along its shores, is defiled by the sewage and other refuse of the city. The present plan is, by running a tunnel some two miles under the lake, to reach the water where it is perfectly pure. A shaft is sunk on the shore of the lake eighty teet deep, and from the bottom of that shaft a large tunnel is run for two miles under the lake, terminating where the water over it is fifty feet deep. At the terminus of the tunnel an upright pipe reaches to above the surface of the lake, the water being admitted by flood-gates in its sides. which can be opened or closed at pleasure. The capacity or the tunnel is firty-seven millions of gallons of water daily. The water of Lake Michigan, as well as of the other great lakes, is deliciously clear and pure.

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It anksgiving Day. THE observance of Thanksgiving Day was very general in our city, and the attendance at the churches was large. The sermons preached dwel: generally upon those great national topics of thankiu ness so appropriate to the day. Perhaps in nothing is the freer and better spirit of the dimes more plainly to be seen than in these discussions of the clergy. There is a liberal, manly tone about them in speaking upon public affairs pleasantly in contrast with years not yet long gone by. The pulpit, as a rule, has fallen into its proper and normal position of accord with the principles of justice and Christian

lodged therefrom. A Model Parish - A New Hampshire correspondent of the Boston Herald writes: -The town of Dumbarion, in this State, with a population of over one thousand, has no paper, no lawyer, no doctor, no hotel or liquor store, no manufactors of any description; its town debt is paid, and with the exception of a minister and two women, its inhabitants are all farmers.

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