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It would appear from the report of Dr. E. D. PETERS, Jr., on the Mount Lyell Company that Tasmania may yet be an important producer of copper. He says that there are several bodies of barren iron pyrites in the world as large or larger than this one, but its only competitor among the valuable pyrites bodies of the world is the Rio Tinto mine, in Spain, which is three or four times as large as the Mount Lyell mine, but only one-third as rich. He also says that, after making deductions for poor parts of the ore body, there are several million tons of good ore available above the present drainage level of the valley, which can be extracted by simple quarrying and without cost of pumping or hoisting.

The diamond industry in South Africa is in a very flourishing condition, brought about mainly by the consolidation with the De Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited, of a large number of interests and the rise in value attendant upon a restricted output and lessened competition. The rise in value during the past six months has been phenomenal, the increment having been some 50 per cent., making the value at present fully 20 per cent. higher than it has been in 18 years. The De Beers property is reported to be in excellent condition and the Kimberley in a no less flourishing state. The product of the mines is expected to go yet higher, and the shares of the De Beers, the market value of which has increased greatly, are expected by those interested to meet with still further advance.

One question of importance is likely to arise, among others, in connection with the Reading receivership, and that is how far the receivers can go in connection with any combination to maintain prices or to restrict production of coal. The receivers are supposed to be the officers and representatives of the court and to act directly under its orders; and it will be interesting to note what action the court will direct them to take. It does not seem at all probable that any open combination or pool arrangement will be sanctioned, but neither is it probable that any active competition or cutting of prices would be allowed, even if the receivers should wish to take such a course.

The proposition for the reorganization of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, which has been discussed but not yet formally submitted to the bondholders and others interested, provides for a new issue of \$30,000,000 collateral trust bonds, the proceeds of which are to pay off the floating debt and provide the working capital which the company has lacked. At the same time holders of existing mortgage bonds are to be asked to fund several of their coupons in new bonds. To say nothing of the difficulty which may be found in placing the large amount of new bonds, this plan has the fatal defect of increasing the burden of interest which the company has tried to carry without success. What the Reading needs, and has needed for some years past, is to cut down its nominal securities with an unsparing hand until the interest charges are brought into some reasonable relation with the earning power of the property. There are, of course, serious difficulties in the way of such action, the greatest of all being to make the bondholders understand that they would be better off with a \$1,000 bond representing a sure return than with \$10,000 of paper really representing nothing and having only a remote prospective value. Even should the new plan be adopted, the issue of \$30,000,000 new bonds will mean only temporary relief, to be followed in two or three years by another collapse and complete bankruptcy.

The President of the Huanchaca Mining Company, of Bolivia, was recently reported as saying that he expected that silver would still further decrease in value, but that such decrease would have no effect on the Huanchaca company because it could produce silver at a profit even if the price dropped to 270 francs per kilo, or say 42 cents per ounce. This is by no means an idle boast. During 1891, this company mined \$5,497,963 oz. of silver at a total cost of \$2,414,360, or 44 cents per ounce. This cost in detail as follows: Mining, 16 cents; new works, 6 cents; reduction and smelting, 9 cents; taxes and export dues, 5 cents; general expenses, 8 cents. Notwithstanding the low price of silver during the past year, the output of this mine increased nearly 15%, amounting to 6,667,703 oz., and the ore reserves are larger than before. For the 15 years ending with 1891, this company produced bullion valued at \$43,033,899, paid \$14,168,038 in dividends, and has set aside a reserve fund of \$1,776,765. This mine by no means stands alone as regards cheapness of working, although it stands second among the silver mines of the world in point of output. Thus the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, of Australia, the greatest silver mine in the world, produced in six years and a half ending May 30, 1892, a total of 36,512,445 oz. of silver and 152,000 tons of lead at a total cost of \$21,356,235. The cost per ounce of silver varied from 66 cents in 1887 to 41 cents in 1890, the average being 47 cents; the cost per pound of lead varied from 2.3 cents in 1887 to 1.4 in 1892, the average being 1.65 cents. This company has paid dividends amounting to \$19,480,000. In the United States the Ontario Mining Company has, since 1880, produced 26,261,076 oz. of silver, at a total cost of \$14,771,862, an average of 55 cents per ounce. The Granite Mountain Mining Company has, since 1883, produced

21,430,000 oz., at a total cost of \$8,376,620, an average of 39 cents per ounce. Some of these mines are becoming exhausted, notably the Granite Mountain, but new ones are constantly being discovered, and in all probability will continue to be discovered for many years to come. Thus the recently discovered Creede district produced 5,000,000 oz. in 1892, of which it is said that the greater part was produced at an average cost of less than 40 cents per ounce. The volume *The Mineral Industry*, just published, gives much information on these subjects which will interest our readers.

THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

The World's Columbian Fair, which was opened at Chicago, May 1st, is already, in its buildings and promises to be in its exhibits, the most wonderful achievement the world has ever seen. The magic city of palaces gathered around the lakes and lagoons of Jackson Park is marvelously beautiful; no previous world's fair ever approached it in the beauty or extent of its main buildings, their convenient arrangement or the attractiveness of its special buildings, representing the several countries and states. These state buildings and their contents alone would, a few years ago, have been considered a grand world's fair, without any of the great buildings, a single one of which would have held the exhibits of any previous exposition and had space to spare.

It is impossible to give in words any adequate idea of this crowning achievement of modern civilization. Photography gives us the buildings in detail, but cannot produce the effect which their ensemble creates. The beauty of design of the great palaces, though infinite in variety, produces an absolutely harmonious whole. There is no discord, nothing inappropriate or unsightly in design; nothing to offend the most exacting taste. The Columbian fair is a poem, a symphony, a creation worthy our modern civilization, and our country and worthy the highest aspirations of the human race; a fitting place for the products of peace, a real home where may meet and consult those who contribute to the peace, progress, prosperity and happiness of mankind.

Filled with unbounded admiration from a contemplation of the scene in Jackson Park, when President CLEVELAND, in fitting words, opened the fair, we cannot refrain from disappointment, in passing through the several buildings, to find them for the most part filled with packing boxes, or even, as in the Electrical Building, almost empty.

An immense discount has to be allowed on the inflated statements of the Chicago newspapers, which, on the opening day, stated that 90 per cent. of the exhibits were ready. In reality, not even 10 per cent. were ready, possibly 20 per cent. additional were approaching completion; perhaps 40 per cent. more were visible in boxes, and 20 per cent. have not even reached the fair yet. The Fair will not be fully ready before the middle of June, but there is already enough to keep fully occupied those who go there with the object of studying any department of the exhibition.

It is too soon to speak of the several exhibits—they are not ready—but they will be studied in detail, and where important will be illustrated, in the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL.

UNIVERSAL BI-METALLISM AND A MONETARY CLEARING HOUSE.

We receive many letters, most of them highly complimentary to the plan proposed by the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL for the solution of the silver problem. From the tenor of these letters it seems desirable to reiterate the general features of the proposed plan, and explain more fully such points as appear to be misunderstood by our correspondents. It is only by having the plan criticised and attention directed to what may appear difficulties in the way of its adoption that we can elucidate these. The following remarks may answer some unasked as well as some asked questions:

The industry, prosperity and civilization of two-thirds of the world have been built, and rest to-day, on silver money; \$17,000,000 out of 1,218,000,000 of the, more or less, civilized population of the world have no other money than silver, and all the rest use both silver and gold. If the value of silver were suddenly destroyed it would necessarily bankrupt a great part of the world, set back industry, commerce and civilization a century and benefit no one. Every industrial country that does business with others benefits by the prosperity of those it has commercial transactions with; and the great exporting and money lending nations are most interested in improving the credit and financial stability of the others.

Unless some international action intervenes, silver, being practically demonetized, will decline in value to a point probably far below, and not necessarily connected with, its cost of production. It may go down to 20 cents an ounce, it may go to 5 cents, for the properties of silver are not so much more desirable, in industrial uses, than those of nickel, copper and aluminum, as to make large uses for the metal at any very great difference in price, and, since it cannot be produced in very large quantities, its uses must always be restricted, if its cost of production is

to be secured. The market for the metal will not increase as the price declines, for all the silver is always in stock and ready to be put on the market—unlike copper, lead, etc., which are actually consumed and disappear. No one will buy it for ornamental or other purposes while its value is declining with the prospect of finding no bottom, since the world's stock would supply the market for an indefinite time, even if no new silver were produced. At even the low prices which have ruled for some years now the production of silver is no doubt more profitable than that of gold—as is proven by the great increase in its production and the stationary or but very slightly increasing output of gold. It would seem from this, that gold is not dear enough, its production is not sufficiently profitable, or it would be produced more abundantly. The cost of production of both metals, and especially that of silver, is being reduced greatly by improved methods of treatment and any fixed value ratio between the metals cannot long be maintained without the danger of causing a great over-production of one or the other.

The amount of money, that is of gold, silver and uncovered notes in the world, is estimated by the Director of the United States Mint as follows, in coined or nominal value: Gold, \$3,632,605,000; silver, \$4,002,700,000; uncovered paper, \$2,629,663,000; total, \$10,264,968,000. Of this silver about \$1,700,000,000 (coining value) is held by India, China and the Straits, which are not credited with any gold, though we know they possess large amounts incumbent. All other countries possess quite enough gold, and all together far more than enough to render their money stable, secure and interchangeable on the bi-metallic basis, provided this were adopted by all countries as the plan we suggest contemplates.

If a bank has in gold reserve one-quarter of its note issue it is considered perfectly safe and able to redeem. In our New York bank clearing house about 5% of the transactions suffices to settle the balances. It seems certain, therefore, that if the associated nations under the proposed plan should buy for gold, say, \$300,000,000 (at the ratio to be adopted) of the silver nations' silver, it would put the whole world at once on the bimetallic basis and make all their interests identical and all their money of equal value. The silver purchased would, on the basis adopted, be absolutely equal to gold, so that it would cost the nations buying it nothing except such subsequent reductions in the value of silver as the changed conditions of production might render necessary.

As an offset to this sole and only possible loss it would immensely improve the credit and increase the prosperity of all silver nations; and as India, China, the Straits, Japan, Mexico and South America are the chief of these, and are at the same time the great markets for English, German and French manufactures; and as their securities are largely held in Europe, the improvement in the value of their securities would greatly exceed the total cost of the silver purchased by these three European countries even if that silver should ultimately have no value whatever. The vast impetus their prosperity and improved credit would give to manufactures would create an era of prosperity in Europe which would be worth many times the whole cost of the silver purchased. England in particular would see India sell about \$200,000,000 of silver for gold and would herself contribute of this only 7%, or \$14,000,000.

Let the several nations agree to adopt bimetallicism on any ratio they may wish between the metals (say 20 to 1), to begin with.

Let them agree to take pro rata, according to their holdings of money (gold, silver and uncovered notes), so much of the silver of the silver basis countries as may be necessary to put all on the bimetallic basis—(under this about \$300,000,000 of silver would probably have to be purchased in about the following proportions: The United States would take 16%; France, 15%; Germany, 9%; Great Britain, 7%).

Let the nations appoint a monetary arbitration commission (which we have called an International Monetary Clearing House, with powers:

1. To ascertain, periodically, the amount of money, that is, of gold, silver and uncovered notes, held by each country. These amounts to form the basis for the proportions in which the several nations will join in the purchase of all silver offered.

2. To clear every national transaction in the purchase or sale of money.

3. To purchase, for common account, such an amount of silver (say 25% of their holdings) from each of the silver basis countries as is necessary to put it on the gold or bimetallic basis.

4. To issue international certificates, redeemable in gold or silver, at holder's option, for the gold and silver purchased.

5. To determine from time to time what, if any, change in the value-ratio of gold and silver is called for by the changed conditions of production.

6. To publish the transactions of the clearing house periodically.

This clearing house to be composed of one or more representatives of each country and to act through the mints of the several countries as depositories, and to have a central clearing house at one of the capitals.

Under this arrangement each nation retains absolute independence

of action, but it gives to its associates in the clearing house—just as does a bank in the clearing house—the right to pass judgment upon its monetary transactions, and if these are deemed by its associates to endanger the security and value of that nation's money, it must either conform to the decision of its associates or leave the clearing house. While it is in the clearing house it must, like a bank, conform to its rules in its buying, selling or making of money. The fact that a nation is in the International Monetary Clearing House is a guarantee of the soundness of its money, and should it leave the clearing house the value of its money and other securities would certainly be impaired in public estimation. No nation could afford to stand out of the clearing house, so great would be the advantages it would gain in it.

It is absolutely necessary that every monetary transaction be reported to or cleared by the clearing house, in order that there may be perfect honesty among the nations, and knowledge in the clearing house of all the facts.

After the first purchase of silver needed to put all on the bimetallic basis, all the silver and gold offered would be purchased through the customary channels (the mints) for account of the clearing house and the metals, or the clearing house certificates representing them, would be delivered pro rata to the nations which had applied for each; or if a surplus were uncalled for, it might be apportioned to the several nations according to the amount of their money at the time.

The working details of the plan can be elaborated by the clearing house commission much more wisely and justly than by any one nation alone. No unjust or unfair arrangement could secure the assent of a majority of such a commission.

Should the condition of production-ratio between gold and silver require it, the value-ratio would be changed by the clearing house slowly and by very small amounts until an equilibrium were brought about. The loss would thus be distributed over the whole world according to the holding of money, and would not fall on the individual holder of the coin or certificate. There could be no panic, no disturbance of industry or commerce; gold and silver would be everywhere exchangeable according to the face value of the certificate, which would not specify one to the exclusion of the other; though the clearing house could no doubt require holders of certificates to take both metals in certain proportions if occasion required.

No plan can possibly be durable or successful which limits the amount of gold or silver to be taken. The smallest surplus would always regulate the market and the mere anticipation of a surplus would disturb the working of the plan. Neither can any arrangement succeed which is for a limited, finite time. The expectation of a collapse at the end of the time would induce some of the associates to unload one metal and accumulate the other.

It is not a question whether the gold in the world would suffice for the world's business, nor is there any justice in the claim by the producers of either metal, for government aid to maintain its price. It is simply a question whether the great nations can afford to bankrupt two-thirds of the people of the world by the sudden destruction of the value of their money. Will it not be better to adopt a plan which will allow the value of silver to go down to any ratio, even to its entire demonetization, gradually, without disturbance of industry or prosperity? Surely this is better than forcing the greater part of the world into bankruptcy.

The benefits to be derived from the adoption of clearing house methods are well known. Applied to international money matters they would greatly facilitate business and reduce the transfer and retransfer of money from one country to the others, and would undoubtedly bring about better international understandings and safer national monetary policies.

The adoption of this plan for a complete and durable solution of the silver problem would inspire confidence all over the world in the absolute security of the money of the associated nations; it would bring into active industry the money now hoarded in vast quantities in some countries or held to pay debts from hand to hand, as gold and silver were required among our banks before the establishment of our clearing houses. It would not only greatly increase the efficiency of the money in circulation, but it would put in circulation vast amounts now idle; it would promote industry, commerce, prosperity over the whole world and would prevent inflation and unsound national financing and disasters; it would secure a wise settlement of monetary questions by leaving them to the arbitration of a permanent, expert commission representing the interests of the whole world rather than the interests of a single nation or of a few interested and influential men in a nation. Whatever may be the varying conditions of production of the precious metals it meets them without creating industrial or commercial disaster. The whole world, in proportion to its money holding, stands the loss, gradually, imperceptibly, even if silver should ultimately have to reach figures which would force it to find an outlet in the arts instead of in money.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

PATENTABLE INVENTION. By Edward S. Renwick, Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co. Pages, 156. Price \$2.

The law of patents, originally plain and simple enough, has grown to be a great and complicated subject, owing chiefly to the very large number of patents which have been issued, and somewhat also to the body of rules and precedents grafted upon the original statutes by the decisions of the courts. The law declares that patent protection may be granted to "any person who has invented or discovered any new and useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof," provided, of course, that no general publication of the same has been made in this country or elsewhere, previous to the application for a patent. The law, however, does not define the word "invent" and its exact meaning has been left to be laid down by the courts. It would seem that to determine whether a device is patentable there need be only three questions asked: Is it new? Is it useful? Was it devised or discovered by the person who asks for the patent? These questions, however, are not always easily answered, especially the first. On all important classes of machinery so many patents have been issued that a long and careful investigation is often necessary to decide whether a device is an infringement on some existing patent or a revival of some old one the patent on which has lapsed. On this point the rules of the Patent Office and the decisions of the courts have always chiefly turned, and much argument and legal ingenuity have been expended. The novelty of an invention at the present time must, as a rule, consist in the manner of combination of devices already known, and how far this can be carried is often a difficult point to decide. Out of it, in fact, springs a large part of the litigation on which the courts have to decide in patent cases.

The second question is much easier to answer, and the usual practice is to grant a patent for anything that is not actually harmful or that does not have a purpose unlawful or contrary to the public welfare; the practice extending even to the issue of patents for very trivial things. The third question is more difficult again, for there are numerous instances where two or more persons claim the same invention, and a decision on the priority of their claims has to be made. The Patent Office has an established system under which it works, and gives its decisions; but it is a well known fact that very few important and lucrative patents can be considered as good until they have been passed upon by the courts. In our own columns hardly a week passes without reference to some litigation of this kind; and the extended controversies over the incandescent electric light and the trolley or overhead system of electric propulsion are prominent cases which can be cited.

The author of the book before us is himself an inventor, and has also had many years' experience as a patent solicitor and expert, so that his work is based on the results of experience. In writing it he has taken the view of the inventor rather than the jurist, and has sought to make the book useful to the former class. In the first part the definition of a patentable invention is given as provided by the law and generally by the rules of the Patent Office. The second part deals chiefly with the decisions and definitions of the courts as to what is and what is not properly patentable. The third part treats of reissued patents. The different parts are sub-divided into various heads, those of the second, for instance, being a Useful Art; Machines; Manufactures; Compositions of Matter, and Designs. In all many instances are given in illustration of the points sought to be established, and a large number of cases in the courts are cited.

It must be said that the book is in general clearly written and free from any affectation of legal phraseology. The views presented are, as a rule, apparently well supported by the cases and decisions cited. There is very little that seems to be superfluous, and much that will be very useful to the patentee or the inventor who desires to secure protection for his invention, and to avoid the difficulties that may be in his way.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

In sending books for notice, will publishers, for their own sake and for that of book buyers, give the retail price? These notices do not supersede review in another page of the Journal.

Tax the Railroads. By Henry C. Frink. New York: H. C. Frink. Pamphlet, 16 pages. Price, 10 cents.

State and City Supplement of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle. New York: Wm. B. Dana & Co. Pages 181.

Fifty-second Congress: Official Congressional Directory. By W. H. McMichael. Washington: Government Printing Office.

Proceedings of the Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society, Volume II., 1892. University P. O., Ala.; published by the Society. Pages 50.

Fifth Annual Report of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, for the year 1892. Bryan, Tex.; issued by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

First Annual Report of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics of Maryland. A. B. Howard, Jr., Chief of Bureau, Baltimore, Md.: Printed for the State. Pages 224.

Knots, Splices, Hitches, Bends and Lashings. By Ensign F. R. Brainard, U. S. N. New York: The Practical Publishing Co. Pages 76; illustrated. Price, \$1.

The Iron Ores of Great Britain and Ireland: with a Notice of Some of the Iron Ores of Spain. By J. D. Kendall, F. G. S. London: Crosby Lockwood & Son. Pages 430; illustrated.

Ausfuhrliches Handbuch der Eisenhutenkunde, Volume II. By Dr. Hermann Wedding. Braunschweig, Germany: Friedrich Vieweg & Son. Pages 600; illustrated. Price (delivered in New York), \$4.

Freiberger Berg- und Huttenwesen. Herausgegeben durch den Bergmännischen Verein zu Freiberg. Freiberg, Germany: Craz & Gerlach. Pages 342; illustrated. Price (delivered in New York), \$3 20.

CORRESPONDENCE

We invite correspondence upon matters of interest to the industries of mining and metallurgy. Communications should invariably be accompanied with the name and address of the writer. Initials only will be published when so requested.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents

Some Arkansas Minerals.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: An interesting find of the minerals in situ, from which a mineral spring at this place derives its properties, seems worthy of mention. The spring in question is in a valley about 400 ft. below the top of East Mountain, the highest elevation in the vicinity. The geological formation hereabouts is sub-carboniferous. East Mountain is composed of strata of limestone and sandstone, with a capping of millstone grit, largely impregnated with iron (limonite, turgite and goethite mostly) with small crystals of quartz. The base of the mountain rests on a black shale; midway up its flanks is a small seam of coal (not workable) in what has been termed the coal bearing shale. The mineral spring from an analysis made by Dr. A. E. Menke, State Chemist, contains, per million parts of water: Magnesium, 290.2; calcium, 445.8; silica, 31; iron, 26.6; sodium, 689.5; potassium, 78.3; chlorine, 117.6; sulphuric acid, 2390.0; carbonic acid, 728.7; total, 4797.7 parts.

The water is quite strong and resembles, in some particulars, the Pymont-Waldeck water of Germany.

It was thought that the spring, being near the base of the mountain, derived its salts from the mountain, as the formation near the spring did not account for its constituents. This theory proved to be true, as prospecting resulted in the finding of an outcrop of various soluble minerals two miles from the spring. Undoubtedly they exist in abundance elsewhere on the mountain, though perhaps not outcropping. The minerals were mostly found in a dark reddish impure limestone and were as follows: Troma (sodium carbonate); ulirocalcite (calcium nitrate); nitre (potassium nitrate); a carbonate of lime and soda (near gay-lussite, but impure); melantherite (iron sulphate). Some of these were in crusts and efflorescent, but others massive and concretionary, notably the sodium carbonates. Much of the limestone on the mountain is calcite, but there are layers of dolomite (magnesian limestone), which indicates probably the source of the magnesia. Other springs on the mountain also contain magnesium sulphate, but not in such abundance as the mineral spring referred to. Except in the case of the iron sulphate, it will be observed that no sulphur was found, but the shales in some of the strata contain sulphur which explains its presence in the spring water.

This is a somewhat interesting section of the State, from a mineral standpoint. We are only 60 miles from the celebrated zinc country in southwestern Missouri; and though no zinc ore in quantity has been yet found in the immediate vicinity of this place, yet small deposits of "jack" occur within 15 miles west of and southeast of this place. There are, however, deposits of zinc northeast of us in Marion and other counties, a section which is destined to become a great zinc producer when railroads shall have penetrated into it. There will be some fine specimens of zinc ore from that part of Arkansas at the World's Fair, notably one piece from the Morning Star mine, measuring 7 ft. long, 6 ft. wide and 4 ft. thick, containing 14,000 lbs., with only 10% gangue. I have not seen this, but am informed it is Smithsonite, or zinc carbonate. Our progressive governor stated he would pay for the transportation of this to Chicago; if the State would not; hence this piece of zinc ore is known as "Fishback's zinc." Another piece too large to move remains at the mine; it is 15 by 11 by 10 ft. These blocks were cracked off a solid mass which exposes a block 43 by 33 by 63 ft.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., April 17th, 1893.

"THEOPHRASTUS."

"The Mineral Industry."

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: There is enough valuable information contained in the book to more than cover our wants. I say valuable, for Mr. Rothwell's name as editor, is a sufficient guarantee that time employed in the perusal and noting of the contents will not be time frittered away.

THE BETHLEHEM IRON COMPANY,
ABRAHAM S. SCHROPP, Secy.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 21th.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: I beg to thank you for the copy of your great work, "The Mineral Industry." We find the compiling of this most excellent; and it has certainly been done with great care. We wish to congratulate the publishers and editors of the journal on their enterprise, and also on their good fortune in being able to bring out such a valuable work at this particular time.

THE WALBURN-SWENSON CO.,
N. W. WALBURN, Prest.

CHICAGO, April 25th, 1893.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: We beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of your volume, "The Mineral Industry." After a very careful and critical examination I can pronounce it the most noteworthy achievement in the line of statistical literature that has yet been accomplished by any trade journal in America. It is really an indispensable reference book for anyone interested in the minerals of our country. The journal of which I have the honor to be the managing editor each year reviews the industrial conditions in the Southern States, and I have had considerable experience in the compilation of statistics, and viewing your work from the standpoint of a statistical editor, I unhesitatingly pronounce it as simply marvelous. Please accept my congratulations.

TRADESMAN PUBLISHING CO.,
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 23d, 1893. ; GEO. W. OCHS, Business Manager.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: The copy of "The Mineral Industry: Its Statistics, Technology and Trade," has been received. The work seems to be complete in every particular, covering every branch of the mineral industry in such detail and in such a readable style as to make it both valuable and entertaining to the mining world. I am sure that it will meet with very popular favor, and attain the high degree of success it deserves. I will reserve a conspicuous space for its exhibition in the library of the department, so that it may receive the notice it merits.

F. J. V. SKIFF,

Chief Department of Mines and Mining, World's Fair.

CHICAGO, April 26th, 1893.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: I have felt impelled to give you my opinion of the wonderful monument you have erected to yourself in the first volume of "The Mineral Industry," but if I were to tell you what the book is and what it will be to me as a daily companion in my varied work, another volume would be needed to make you understand it all. Unable to state fairly its merits in a few words, I have set myself to discover omissions and defects in order to show you how much a complete work of the kind has been needed; but, really, neither in the index nor in the body of the work can I find that anything has been neglected. The tables are far superior in breadth and in accuracy to anything I have ever seen. This volume on my desk will give answer immediately to thousands of questions which it has heretofore been necessary to obtain by laborious search through encyclopedias and dozens of prolix technical works. In these pages you have crammed a marvelous aggregation of facts which the busy man needs to know, and you have done it so concisely and with such admirable system, that no time is lost in acquiring needed information on the burning topics of the day in our industry. The names of your collaborators would be sufficient guarantee of the scope and quality of the material furnished in the volume, but even this knowledge did not prepare me for the thoroughness and completeness of the work, its logical arrangement and the beauty of its typography and binding.

Perhaps you will remember that years ago you told me it was your mission to provide suitable literature on mining and metallurgical topics. Volume I. of "The Mineral Industry" for 1892 proves most conclusively what I then told you, that the product of your own brain would eventually be the crowning effort in the fulfillment of that mission. I trust that many more volumes will be added to the series before you resign the editorship.

THEO. B. COMSTOCK,

Director School of Mines, University of Arizona.

TUCSON, ARIZ., April 26th, 1893.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

Sir: The value of mineral statistics depends as much on their novelty as on their accuracy. Tables of production, consumption and stocks, several years old, may be historically very interesting, but they offer slight aid toward determining the present intrinsic value of a metal or its prospective position. Estimated by this standard, the volume of the "Mineral Industry" just issued as a statistical supplement of the "Engineering and Mining Journal" is entitled to the highest rank.

It was ready for publication before the end of February, though its appearance was delayed by a typographical mishap until April. But that, even within a little over three months from the close of the year, there should be published in a volume of over 600 pages, bringing up to January 1st, 1893, the statistics not only of production and consumption, but of importation and exportation and cost of every important metal, mineral, gem and building stone mined in this country; also, the latest published statistics from abroad, and a large body of original information brought up to date as to the world's progress in mining and metallurgy—is a feat for which the editor may justly take no little credit to himself.

The intent of the volume is two-fold. First, to publish statistics proper of production, consumption and stocks, brought up almost to the eve of publication, as has been done by the "Engineering and Mining Journal" for years past in its first issue for January. Second, to supplement this statistical information with a review of the progress made in the mining and metallurgy of each metal during the preceding year, and with articles by specialists describing the improvements in their branches, either produced or proposed. The volume, therefore, is intended to combine the features of a Government statistical report (from which it differs essentially by its speedy appearance) with a technical and scientific review of the past year's experience in mining and metallurgy. May Rothwell's Jahrbuch become as necessary and stable an institution as Wagner's!! The task was no easy one. It must be admitted that the first attempt at its fulfillment has been highly successful.

It would be easy to point out inaccuracies, to detect faults in judgment, and to discover lack of proportion in parts. Any such errors the editor himself will be the first to detect and correct in the future. But he is critical to captiousness who hunts for flaws—when he should be grateful that a work so useful to the mining and metallurgical interests has been so well and promptly done. It is, and we hope its successors will continue to be, a boon to the executive officers of our mining and metallurgical companies, as a guide in their business transactions; for the more ample and reliable the statistical information is with regard to the position of any article of merchandise, the less room there is for wild speculation.

But such a volume is of still greater value to the busy superintendent, who is debarred by the exacting duties and fatigue of his arduous life from study, and to whom, therefore, such a volume, if it provides him with what is really correct, and also new, brings year by year up to the level which his profession, by the united thought and effort of all its members, has attained.

JAMES DOUGLAS,

NEW YORK, May 3rd, 1893,

Prest. Copper Queen Cons. Mg. Co.

MINING AT THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

To most of our readers, probably the most interesting part of the Columbian Exposition is the Mines and Mining Building, and it may be said that no department of the World's Fair was further advanced or in better order than this. This gratifying result was in great part due to the ability of Mr. F. J. V. Skiff, Director of the Department of Mines and Mining, and to incessant labor, both on his part and that of the excellent staff of assistants collected and organized by him.

The large illustration given is from a photograph of the main front of the building, and the smaller cuts are plans of the main floor and gallery and a cross-section showing the gabled end of the roof. The Mines and Mining Building is one of the most prominent of the World's Fair, a structure 700 ft. long and 350 ft. wide, and situated between the Electricity and Transportation buildings. It cost \$265,000. It has a floor space of nearly six acres and its architecture is of the Italian renaissance, with a light French spirit visible in its exterior design. There are four great entrances to the building, one on each side, but those of the north and south are the most pretentious. Broad flights of stairways lead to the galleries from each side of the general entrances. These galleries, which are lighted by spacious side windows, as well as by the apertures above, are 25 ft. above the ground floor and are 60 ft. wide. Representative of the industry to which the edifice is dedicated are prominent allegorical figures over the main doorway. A colossal, half-reclining female figure holds aloft the proverbial lamp and pick of the miner, while at various other points may be seen other emblematic decorations illustrative of mines and mining. Spacious promenades on the gallery floor afford a fine view north and south. These covered promenades are 25 ft. wide and 230 ft. long, and give access to the building at short intervals. The ornamentation of the interior of the building is tasteful, but not extravagant. In exterior appearance it is massive, yet not ungraceful

floor was reserved for occupation by the various foreign countries, and this space was assigned during the summer and fall of 1892. The other half of the main floor has been placed at the disposal of the States for collective exhibits of their mineral resources and to individual exhibitors.

The present status of allotment to the foreign section is as follows, in square feet: France, 9,265; Canada, 9,780; Germany, 21,994; Venezuela, 1,015; Mexico, 11,990; Italy, 2,730; Russia, 4,265; Spain, 3,461; Costa Rica, 782; Honduras, 1,159; Greece, 709; New South Wales, 9,766; Great Britain, 8,066; Brazil, 2,800; Cape Colony, 2,943; Austria, 4,680; Japan, 2,405; Argentine, 2,795; Colombia, 2,080; Ecuador, 702; Chili, 1,080; Bolivia, 709.

At the present writing 48,775 sq. ft. in all have been assigned to 37 States, as follows: Colorado, 2,698; New Mexico, 1,734; Idaho, 1,440; South Dakota, 1,058; Michigan, 3,038; Minnesota, 1,419; Louisiana and Tennessee, 693; Pennsylvania, 3,017; North Carolina, 1,665; Montana, 2,220; Washington, 1,428; California, 2,220; Wisconsin, 1,911; Indiana, 1,029; Kentucky, 1,403; New Jersey, 726; Oregon, 1,395; Kansas, 1,150; Utah, 1,620; Wyoming, 1,260; Arizona, 1,700; Missouri, 2,155; Ohio, 1,952; New York, 2,503; West Virginia, 1,813; Virginia, 1,440; Iowa, 560; Massachusetts, 408; Nevada, 354; Oklahoma, 165; Connecticut, 459; Florida, 354; North Dakota, 709; South Carolina, 294; Maine, 420; New Hampshire, 189; Vermont, 176.

The mining machinery and appliances of various kinds occupy in all 35,622 sq. ft. A space outside the Mining Building has been reserved for displays of well drilling machinery, and covers 31,000 sq. ft. The gallery floor, having an available space of 57,892 sq. ft., has been devoted to exhibits of the industrial minerals, and to the more technical side of the mining and metallurgical industries. The broad avenue down the center of the building, separating the foreign from the State exhibitors, has been christened "Bullion Boulevard." To the west of this boulevard the foreign countries have made brilliant exhibits.



GENERAL VIEW OF THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

from an architectural standpoint. The main fronts are 65 ft. high from the ground to cornice, and the main central entrances 90 ft. to apex of pediment.

The long sides of the building are treated in a simpler manner than the main fronts; large segmental windows extend through the galleries and are placed between the broad piers, affording an abundance of light to the space beneath the galleries. The two-storied portion of the building, of which the gallery forms the upper part, extends entirely around the structure and is 60 ft. wide. This portion is built of wood and iron combined.

The great interior space thus inclosed is one story high, 630 ft. long and 230 ft. wide, with an extreme height of 100 ft. at center and 47 ft. at sides, and is spanned by steel cantilever roof trusses, supported on steel columns, placed 65 ft. apart longitudinally, and 115 ft. and 57 ft. 6 in. transversely, thus leaving a clear space in center of building 630 ft. long and 115 ft. wide, with two side divisions, each 57 ft. 6 in. wide and 630 ft. long, leaving the central space encumbered with only 16 supporting steel posts. The cantilevers are of the pin connection type to facilitate erection. The inner and higher ends of the cantilevers are 46 ft. apart, and the space between them is spanned by riveted steel trusses, with an elliptical chord. These trusses are designed so as to form a clear-story 12 ft. high, with vertical sash extending the entire length of the central space, 630 ft., and terminating at each end with a great glass gable, setting back 60 ft. from the front ends of building. The wide spacings of the cantilever necessitated an extensive system of longitudinal purlins of the riveted lattice type.

ASSIGNMENT AND OCCUPATION OF SPACE.

There is available in the Mining Building for exhibition purposes 227,847 sq. ft.—that is, space exclusive of aisles, etc. According to the instructions of the Director-General one-half of the space on the ground

Our friends from New South Wales, with the experience of their Melbourne Exposition back of them, have built up numerous trophies of coal, copper ingots, tin ingots, ores, etc., and have erected a beautiful silver column, surmounted by a statue of Atlas supporting the world. This column will illustrate the product of the Broken-Hill Proprietary mines, of New South Wales.

The great iron works of Baron Stumm, rivaling those of Krupp, are furnishing the German space with massive and graceful arches, and trophies in structural and polished sectional shapes of iron and steel. In the background of this exhibit are illustrations of the works of this firm, pictured by means of different colored and polished slags. The technical exhibit from the museums and mining academies of the empire, consisting of collections of models, maps and statistical matter, have been artistically arranged in a space near by.

Brazil has filled up her structure in the Mining Building with gems and minerals from the banks of the Amazon. The Cape Colony government, in connection with Tiffany & Company, of New York, have arranged a unique exhibit in diamond mining, cutting and polishing. Machinery and natives have been imported from the works at Kimberley, exactly as found at the mine. Very elaborate mineral cases have been provided by Mexico, in which will be shown the wealth of her mineral provinces.

England has a miscellaneous exhibit of metals and minerals. Fronting upon main aisles are the displays of Johnson, Matthey & Co., the famous platinum merchants. Francis D. Moulton & Co. will erect a statue in salt of Liberty enlightening the world. Canada is the next neighbor to England, and in addition to the general exhibit the geological survey will have a separate representation from each mineral province, Ontario's predominating. The gold ores from Nova Scotia are, indeed, a surprise, and the samples from the coalfields afford some idea of the resources of the province in that particular. The asbestos,

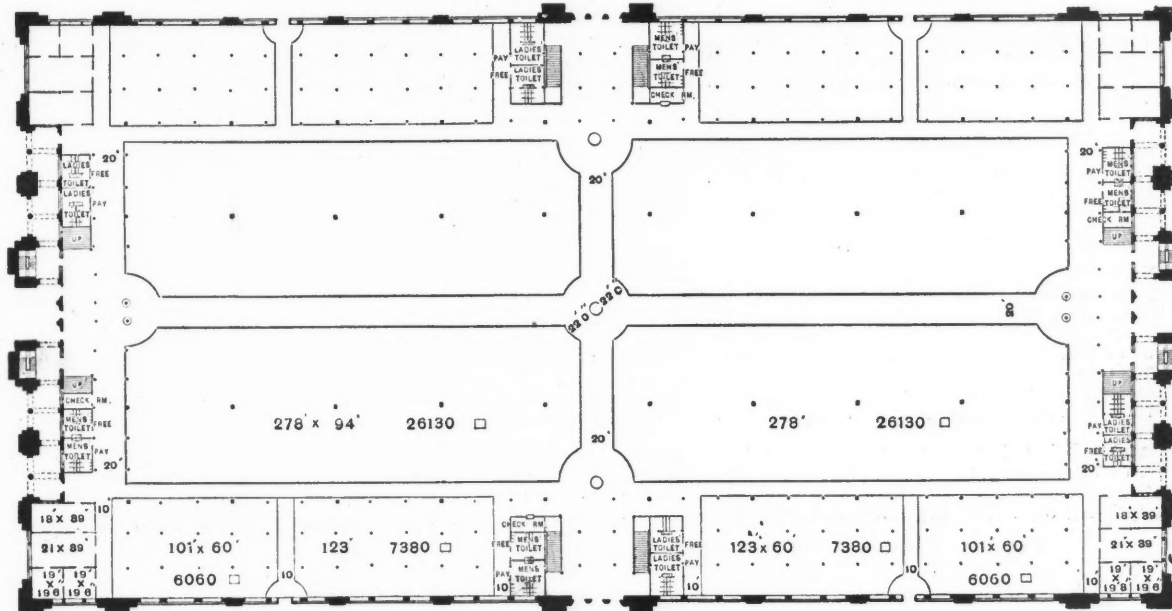


MAIN FRONT OF THE MINES AND MINING BUILDING AT THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

mica, plumbago and phosphate deposits are interestingly represented in the Winnipeg exhibit, while the rich nickel ores of Ontario are finely displayed by that province, as well as the iron ores.

Austria shows up the extent of her iron and steel industries and a great variety of fireclay material and mineral waters. Russia has a trophy at the west entrance of iron and steel, and in her space near by has a magnificent display of the rare metals and gems from the Oural. Japan has an exhibit illustrating her copper and gold resources, and metallurgical arts as practiced. Italy exhibits fine marble and silver. Spain shows a great variety of minerals, including many specimens

quarried out some huge monoliths of red sandstone to furnish her space. Colorado, Montana, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, Idaho, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia have prepared artistic superstructures and have arranged suitable backgrounds and accommodations for the mineral exhibits. In the line of special State exhibits may be mentioned the anthracite coal needle from Pennsylvania, the geological obelisk from New York, and the silver statue of Montana. The Department of Mines and Mining deserves much credit for securing the unbroken facades that adorn the front of the main avenue through the building, as it has constantly urged upon each of the States this feature



PLAN OF MAIN FLOOR, MINES AND MINING BUILDING.

from the Rio Tinto mines. Greece displays fine marbles and a variety of antique mining appliances.

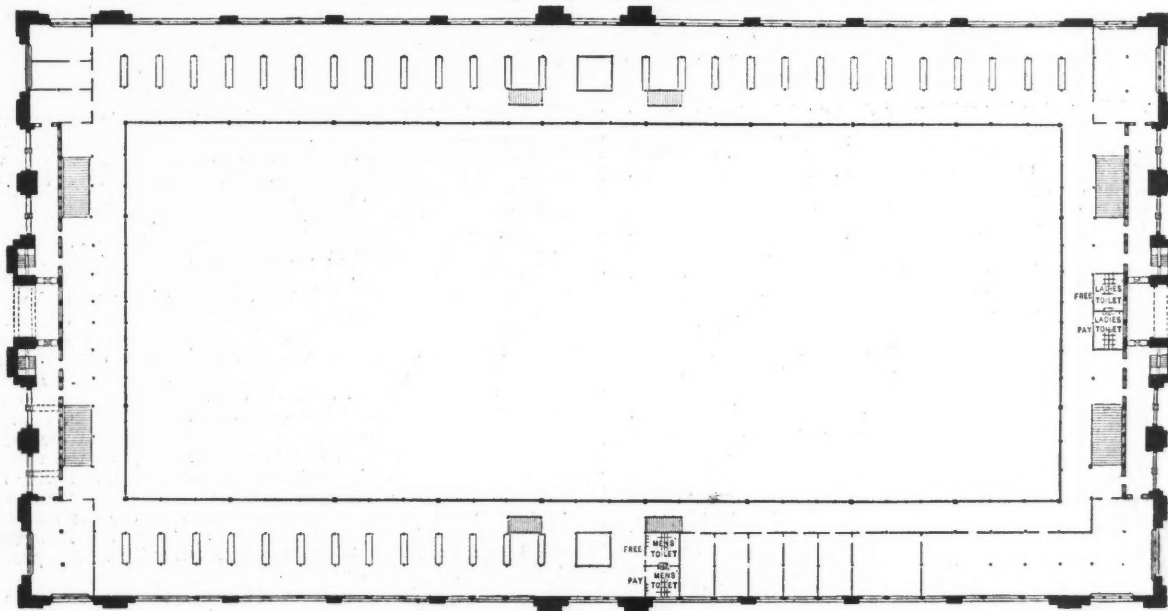
Of the South and Central American countries, Argentine, Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Venezuela and Bolivia are represented. The fine Chilean exhibit has been made possible through the co-operation of Messrs. W. R. Grace & Co., whose extensive interests in the nitrate fields of Chili has led them to make a very valuable and attractive exhibit of the various grades and qualities of nitrate.

To the east of Bullion Boulevard the scene is no less animated. Immediately along the front the collective displays of the States have been arranged. Twenty-eight mineral producing States have built up hand-

and furnished them with suggestions as to the best method of exhibiting in a style at once artistic and harmonious with the surroundings.

In the mining machinery section beneath the gallery 70 exhibitors demonstrate the vast improvement in machinery used in this industry. In the outside exhibit there is an operating tramway, connecting with the ore yard of the department, where material for demonstration is stored, with the mining tunnel, running east and west at the south end of the Mining Building. In this tunnel tramway cars such as are in use in mines will convey the bags of ore to the mining machinery on the east side of the building.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the exhibits in the gallery as



PLAN OF GALLERY, MINES AND MINING BUILDING.

some pavilions, utilizing as construction material representative minerals of the States. Thus Missouri and Michigan, prominently located at the central circle, have adopted very ornate designs for their inclosing structures—Missouri bounding her space with columns of terracotta, supporting a classic frieze and pediment. Michigan a parapet of her ornamental stone, with numerous trophies in copper. Kentucky is preparing a turreted fronting arch of shining cannel coal, which forms a strong contrast with the marble pavilion of her neighbor, New York. California has adopted a marble exterior also, while Wisconsin has

the visitor looks from the floor is the decorated front of the Standard Oil Company's exhibit. This occupies the entire north gallery and illustrates the oil industry, including not only a collection of all the oils produced in the country, but a full set of derivatives and by-products, as well as all of the appliances used in drilling, piping, storing and distributing oil. This exhibit, and that of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, near the south gallery—a model made to accurate scale showing the complete process of coke manufacture and the entire plant of the firm—form two of the most interesting gallery displays. In the

gallery also have been arranged a series of courts in which will be grouped, according to affinity, all of the industrial and economic mineral materials. An operating assay laboratory has been equipped; an exhibit of interesting mine models secured, and a large library of books on mining, etc., catalogued for the use of the public.

The department is undertaking in its own behalf the formation of special technical collections in mineralogy, metallurgy, coal, salt, and building stones. Nearly the entire west gallery is occupied with cases and cabinets of uniform designs, and filled with mineral of the highest scientific interest, and with metal samples showing in a systematic order the processes employed in the arts for their reduction.

We expect in later numbers to give an account of the exhibits of the different States and countries which have taken part in the Exposition, which will be fully illustrated; and we hope also to give some further account of the energetic managers whose work has brought about the successful result.

VARIATIONS IN THE MILLING OF GOLD ORES.—V. BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by T. A. Rickard.

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(Concluded from page 390.)

At the New Normanby mill in Ballarat East* the ore crushed is of a very free milling character; it occurs coarse and in quartz almost free from pyrites. There is no concentrating machinery. The character of the gold is proved by the percentage obtained in retorting the amalgam, the yield of bullion being rarely under 55% and averaging very nearly 70%. Four-fifths of the product of the mill comes from the mortar-box and of the remainder nearly all is caught by the first narrow strip of copper plate and the well immediately below it. The blanket washings are very poor.

The North Cornish mill is not in the town of Ballarat, though in the mining district of that name, but at Daylesford. The plant consists of 50 stamps, and the rate of drop varies from 70 to 75 per minute, the height of the drop being 8 in. The depth of discharge or issue is ex-

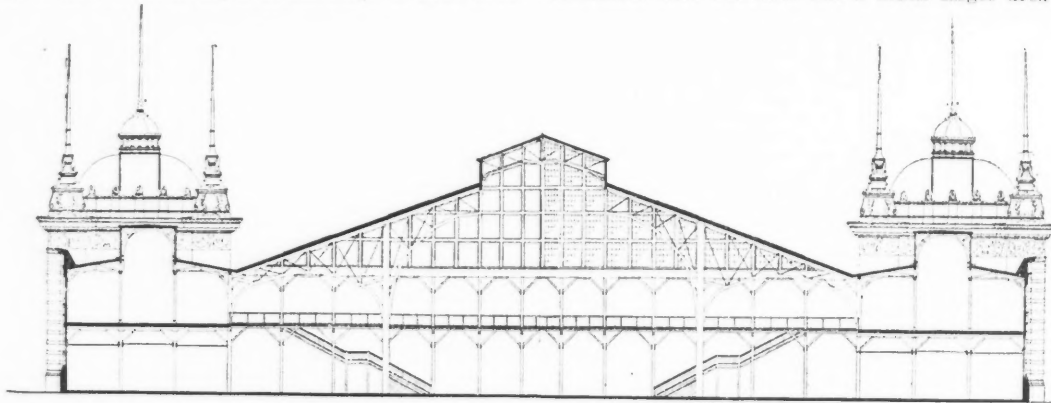
whose figures are there given show a general resemblance in their methods. They fairly represent existing colonial practice. It will be seen that the old Star of the East mill, the New Normanby, and the North Cornish all have the same weight of stamp. The other two have unusually heavy stamps, and in this respect they are following the tendency which was to have been noted in California a few years ago, and like the California mills they too will probably ere long find it expedient to revert to a lighter pattern. This is an instance of the same ground being gone over twice and of the needless expenditure of time and money in trying experiments which some other district has already carried out. There is no worse waste than the waste of experience.

The Britannia United and the New Normanby make 12 drops per minute less than the other three, owing to the fact that the gold being coarser and more free the ore does not necessitate fine crushing. The fineness of the gratings indicates this. The height of the drop is practically uniform save in the case of the New Normanby, where, owing to the unusual coarseness of the gold and the absence of pyrites worthy of concentration, rougher stamping is permissible.

In the matter of the issue or depth of discharge there is that wide variation usually to be remarked in most of the colonial mills. It is a feature of milling the importance of which is too little appreciated all the world over. At the Britannia United and New Normanby mills there is an effort made to prevent too great a variation in the issue as the dies wear down, but at the North Cornish the difference is between zero and 3 in. The effect of a shallow discharge is seen at the Britannia United, which, notwithstanding a much slower speed, has a relatively higher crushing capacity than the Star of the East.

The gratings or screens are all made of the same material, round punched Russia iron. The coarsest sizes are naturally in use at the New Normanby and the Britannia United, the two mills whose ore carries the coarsest gold and in the most "free" condition. The North Cornish uses the finest grating, since the gold of the ore which it treats is the most intimately associated with the pyrites.

In the matter of screens the colonial mills have been keeping to that "follow my leader" policy which is the keynote to all that is deficient in their modes of milling. A little consideration will lead one to the conclusion that wirecloth has a much larger area of discharge than



TRANSVERSE SECTION SHOWING NORTH AND SOUTH END GABLES

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remely irregular. When starting with new dies or false bottoms the top of the die is level with the bottom of the grating and the depth of discharge is nil, but as the dies wear down (they are 4 in. deep) the issue increases to a maximum of a little over 3 in. The mill crushes 300 tons per day, or 2,450 tons per month.†

The amalgamation is effected by methods similar to those described as in use at the Star of the East. Scarcely 11% of the amalgam obtained comes from the mortar-boxes. Much the largest proportion is derived from the skimmings of the wells and in the blanket sands. The latter are treated by Berdans, of which there are six. The tailings from the Berdans go to a Frue vanner for after-treatment.

This is a comparatively new mill, the oldest portion being five and the newest two years old. The quantity of ore in sight in the mine is such as to have led to the consideration of a further addition to the number of stamps. The mine has paid large dividends for a long period.‡ Notwithstanding these facts the mill is miserably incomplete. Although very favorably situated and having all the fall required for an automatic arrangement of its parts, it is unprovided with rock-breakers or self-feeders. In the feeding of the 50 stamps there are employed upon each shift 5 men at 30 shillings per week, making a total cost of £1,125 per year. The other end of the treatment shows equally grave defects. In spite of the fact that the concentrates are of unusual richness and that to them the shareholders practically owe their dividends, there are only 14 Frue vanners to treat the pulp coming from 50 stamps. The ore is one requiring very careful concentration, since after having passed over the amalgamating tables it still carries black slimes known to be very rich. For the saving of such material the Frue vanner is excellently adapted, but it is a machine which must not be crowded, and for the work to be done at the North Cornish mill 22 of these concentrators is the least number that can be employed consistently with good work.

Referring to the comparative table it will be noted that the five mills

* Near the famous Canadian lead, which yielded so many of the large nuggets.

† For the half-year ending December 31st, 1890, there were 14,661 tons crushed, yielding 4,386 oz. 13 dwts. in the mill, and 1,486 oz. 5 dwts. from the 269½ tons of pyrites (concentrates) treated at the chlorination works.

‡ Up to the end of 1890, on a paid-up capital of only £4,000 this property has paid dividends amounting to no less than £35,500.

punched iron, having openings of equivalent size. Actual practical tests have confirmed this deduction. The crushing capacity of many of the Ballarat mills would be increased 10 to 20% by the use of wirecloth gratings, and the amalgamation would be in no way altered or decreased. The little extra cost is much more than compensated for by the larger amount of ore which can be treated. The full benefit of the change can be best obtained by having a double set of gratings, so that while one set is in place in the battery the other can be dried and cleaned with wire brushes.

In the matter of concentrates it will have been remarked that the New Normanby ore carries no pyrites worthy of concentration, that the Britannia United mill obtains only 1%, and even that is of comparatively low grade, while the North Cornish, which has much the most refractory ore, has also the richest concentrates. It should be added, however, that the closer work done by the Frue vanners as compared to that of the ordinary percussion tables at the Britannia United assists in keeping up the grade of the concentrates obtained at the former mill. The fineness of the bullion tells the same story as the concentrates, that of the Ballarat mills being of unusual purity and better than that of the Daylesford mill. The retort percentage indicates more accurately than any of the other figures the character of the ore as regards the coarseness of the gold which it carries. Thus the New Normanby amalgam yields 70% of bullion, while the North Cornish produces the more ordinary proportion of 33%.

The time of wear of the screens or gratings is very similar in the first four mills, but at the North Cornish it is decreased to nearly one-half. The explanation is not far to seek. It is to be found in a very shallow, but variable, depth of discharge. When new dies have just been placed in position the top of them is level with the bottom of the screen and the direct splash of the pulp is, of course, violent. From the standpoint of economy this is a mistake. From the point of view of the proper treatment of the ore it would certainly be well to make an effort to regulate the issue and to keep it more uniform. At present it varies from zero to 3 in. It is probable that the extraction of the gold would be benefited by leaning rather toward the greater than the lesser depth of discharge. At the Britannia United the average depth of the issue is no greater, but the variation is between 1 in. and 2 in. This explains why the gratings, assisted by the fact that they are also less fine, have a time of wear double that at the North Cornish.

The consumption of mercury is much less at the New Normanby and Britannia United mills than at the other three, because these two treat ore containing a minimum percentage of sulphurets, and because, therefore, the crushing is less fine. The amount of water used depends upon the grade of the amalgamating tables, itself proportioned to the heaviness of the pulp. It is also largely dependent upon the extent of blanket surface. The North Cornish uses much less water than the others, because the blankets, being followed by Frue vanners, are shorter than at the other mills where simple percussion tables are used.

The consideration of the methods of this district lead one to the conclusion that the mills are not availing themselves as they ought to, and as was to have been expected from so energetic and so productive a mining center, of the improvements brought into successful practice during the last decade. At Ballarat there is neither want of capital nor an inadequate ore supply to excuse the miserable incompleteness of the mills, in so far as concerns appliances and arrangement having in view the automatic handling of the ore. For mining companies like the Star of the East and the North Cornish, both owning magnificent mines paying large and regular dividends, and possessing very considerable ore reserves, there can be no excuse for the non-employment of rock breakers, ore-feeding machines and a proper and adequate concentrating plant. They stand as monuments of what should be more truly called obstinate ignorance and perverse disregard of modern experience than dignified by such a word as "conservatism." It is very regrettable that for reasons, all of them illogical and untenable, the mills of such an important mining district should be so out of date and so incomplete.

In conclusion, therefore, it must be said that while the actual mill work is excellently well carried out the mills of Ballarat are woefully behind the ideal both in that handling of the ore which immediately precedes stamping and in that after-treatment which succeeds amalgamation.

THE BESSEMERIZING OF COPPER MATTE AND PRODUCTION OF PIG COPPER.*

By Charles Wade Stickney, A. B., M. E., Mem. Am. Inst. Mining Engineers.

(Concluded from page 392.)

The use of a double set of converters, the preparation of one while its mate is running, the opening of the converter for relining and the handling of it by a crane are great advantages, but they are partially offset by several disadvantages in the practical method of carrying the idea out. The use of cast iron is of no advantage; on the contrary, it makes the converter heavy and unwieldy, and the great mass of metal absorbs a great quantity of heat, thus prolonging both the cooling and reheating operations. Again, the cast iron cracks very soon in every conceivable direction, and frequently two weeks' service will find several bolt holes cracked out. Occasionally, however, one will be found to stand the wear very well. The work of separating the parts, seemingly so simple, is sometimes very arduous, for the reason that the lining bakes together at the junction, becomes continuous, and of a stone hardness. When the bolts are removed, the parts refuse to budge, and much time and hard work are consumed in prying the sections apart, to the frequent injury of the converter. The method of cooling by an air blast is not so expeditious as that described below. Making the converter in three sections instead of two is worse than useless. More time and strength are expended in separating the lower sections than any advantage gained, and hence it is rarely done. The construction of the two lower sections would better be in one section and of a different shape to facilitate the extraction of the old hard-baked lining, the most serious work encountered in handling the process. Below will be found a suggestion upon this subject.

The writer believes that this process may be made more productive, at less expense, by certain changes in the machinery used, and in the method of handling it. The most obvious drawbacks at present are: (1) the waste of heat in cooling the matte and again remelting it; (2) the short life of the lining, with the attendant necessity of cooling the converter and heating it up again; (3) the length of time required to cool converter; (4) the difficulty of separating the parts when held together by the hard baked lining; and (5) the great amount of hard labor required to extract the old lining.

By arranging the blast furnace on an elevation above the remelting furnace, the necessity of much handling of the matte will be avoided. In such a case the matte may be run into small molds the size of bricks, arranged in gangs on one base, and, as soon as they are cooled enough to set, they may be shot down an incline to a small iron bin, which has a small opening opposite and quite near to the feed door of the re-melting furnace. From this bin the cupola man will feed. The mass of matte will therefore enter this furnace at a little less than melting heat. If the blast is at any time producing more matte than is needed at the re-melter, the overplus may be allowed to cool, and, being dumped into another bin, it may be used whenever the blast is producing less than the re-melter requires. In this way a large amount of fuel, probably one-third of that now used, may be saved. It must not, however, be forgotten that the temperature of the matte as it enters the converter must be considerably higher than when it leaves the blast furnace, and hence the remelting furnace cannot be done away with.

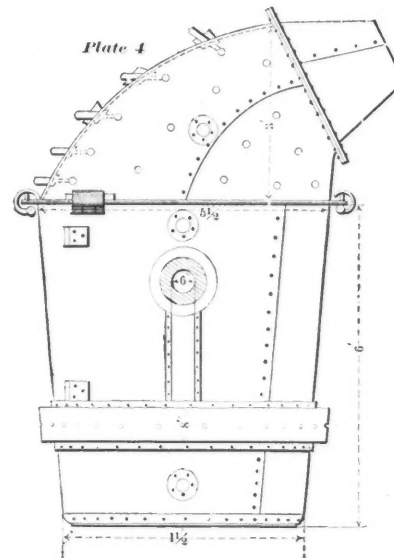
The duration of the lining may be greatly prolonged by placing an iron hopper with an air tight cover above the trunnion of the converter, forming a communication between the hopper and the blast pipe by a vertical pipe entering the blast pipe at a point near its entrance to the converter. The vertical pipe should have a gate easily closed and opened by the workmen below. The hopper may be filled with perfectly dry and powdered quartz, or with any powdered quartz ore containing no metals except gold and silver. A very small percentage of copper might not be detrimental. By a judicious regulation of the quantity turned into the blast pipe, so that the quantity shall be slightly below the needs of the oxidizing iron in the matte, the lining will be called upon for but little silica, and its life will thus be very greatly prolonged.

The converters may be cooled very much more quickly than is possible

by any present or past practice, so far as known to the writer. Air, at the ordinary temperature of the converter building, takes up heat very slowly, and water is a nuisance, when used in bulk. The rapidity with which a cold water mist takes up heat suggests its suitability here. By introducing a small air blast pipe into a water supply pipe near its extremity, and thrusting both through the trunnion into the hot converter, a fine cold mist will fill the interior, and, taking up heat rapidly, issue from the mouth as steam. By keeping the converter placed mouth downward when it gets too cold to produce steam the water will run out, if any should form from the cold mist.

But a more expeditious method of handling this part of the process, obviating the cooling and picking out of the old linings, is to use a differently constructed converter, as illustrated in Plate 4. The converter is made entirely of $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. steel boiler plate riveted; the body is made in one piece and the hood in another, these two parts being separable by driving out wedges from dogs on the outer rim. The main body tapers downward about an inch to the foot. A false bottom and sides are made in pieces of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. sheet iron, somewhat similar to the head and staves of a barrel. The hood is made of the same material, but has no false lining. There are pins, however, near the lower edge of the hood, and at intervals over the inside. These pins are kept in place by a small shoulder inside, and by a wedge on the outside which fits into a slot in the part of the pin projecting through the converter shell. These pins take the place of the catches referred to in the description of the former construction and hold the overhanging roof of the converter in place. When it is desired to remove the lining the outside wedges can be quickly driven out, and the pins driven inward through the lining.

The lining is put in place in the following manner. The false bottom and sides are first polished with graphite and placed in position. The bottom is pounded hard with lining composition to a depth of 18 in. A kettle, which has been made of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. boiler iron, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. diameter on the bottom, 4 ft. high, expanding at a somewhat greater rate than the converter shell and perfectly smooth on the outside, with handles at the top, is set on the pounded quartz bottom exactly in the center of the converter, and



Stickney Improved Converter
 $\frac{3}{16}$ Steel Plates
 Removable, Separable, 2 Parts, Taper Body,
 False Sides & Bottom, Removable Catch Pins.

the lining is then shoveled in and pounded hard around it. Afterward the kettle is lifted out by a crane and a cavity is left in the center of a strong wall lining about 15 in. thick at the bottom and 12 in. at the top. This wall extends up flush with the top edge of the main body. The top of the wall all around is then sanded with fine dry sand. The hood, having its pins in place, is turned hollow side up, and is plastered with the lining composition to a depth of 12 in. at the edge, and gradually diminishing to 3 in. around the mouth. The hood is then picked up by the crane, turned upright, and placed on the body. The flanged edges are secured together by dogs and wedges, and, after being heated, the converter is picked up by the crane, landed on the carriage and rolled to its place.

When relining is necessary, the converter is again landed on the floor, and the hood detached by knocking out the wedges. The sanded junction in the wall gives a line of easy breakage. If sand is found not to give an easy enough cleavage line, powdered graphite may be used. The crane lifts the hood and places it upright on an iron frame, 3 ft. high and hollow beneath. The pin wedges are knocked out, and the pins driven inward through the lining, with a heavy sledge. The lining is thus broken up and removed. It may be remarked, however, that the hood lining wears a long time and its renewal is required much less often than that in the body. Its removal, however, is necessary when it builds up and chokes the converter.

The body is now seized by the crane, and first turned on its side, and then turned completely upside down, and suspended 1 or 2 in. from the floor. If the whole lining, with the false sides and the bottom together, does not drop out, a few taps on the sides will produce this result. The side and bottom pieces are easily detached separately by jarring, and then the whole lining may be picked up by the crane and placed in an iron mortar, to be broken up by a heavy chunk of iron being dropped on it. The unburned pieces may then be returned to the quartz pan for re-grinding and mixing with new composition. The pieces badly coated and impregnated with copper should be sent to the blast furnace.

The time and labor saved by this construction of converter and its manipulation can hardly be estimated by one who has not witnessed the

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daily struggles of workmen with hard baked linings in the old styles of converters. By dumping the old lining while hot no time need be lost in cooling by any system, as the thin steel shell may be sprayed and cooled sufficiently for relining in a very few minutes.

RECENT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE MINING INDUSTRY.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.—Ninth Circuit.

Mines and Mining—Width of Claim—Validity of Patent—Landlord and Tenant—Estopped to Deny Title.

In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of California. Action of ejectment in *Lakin vs. Roberts et al.*

1. Under Revised Statutes (U. S.) Sec. 2320, a patent cannot be issued for a mining claim exceeding 300 ft. in width, although the original location was wider, and was made under the law of July 26th, 1866, by which the width of claim was regulated according to the custom of miners; and when a patent is issued for the full width of such a claim it is void as to the excess, and Revised Statutes, Sec. 2328 cannot be construed to preserve a right to the issuance of a patent covering the full width of the original location.

2. In an action of ejectment by the patentee of a mining claim, where it appears from a stipulation agreed upon by both parties that certain defendants, after the date of the patent, paid a small sum as rent for the privilege of occupying the premises, and it does not appear under what circumstances, nor for what premises, nor for what time, such payment was made, the relation of landlord and tenant is not established so as to estop defendants from denying patentee's title.

Judgment of Circuit Court affirmed. Opinion—McKenna, Circuit Judge. January 30th, 1893.

Treasury Department.

Sampling of Imported Ores.

In the case of ore imported in bags, every tenth bag must be emptied and examined, and ore in bulk on the cars must be carefully fested down to the bottom of the lot.—Treasury Department, Secretary's decision, March 7th, 1893.

Drawback on Litharge.

On the exportation of litharge manufactured by Chadwick Lead Works, Boston, Mass., wholly from pig lead a drawback will be allowed equal in amount to the imported lead used in the manufacture, less the legal deduction of 1%, and the quantity of lead so used shall be determined by allowing 93 lbs. of lead for each 100 lbs. of imported litharge, the net weight thereof to be determined by a United States weigher.—Treasury Department, Secretary's decision, March 13th, 1893.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Construction of Wills—Coal Mining Rights.

Where a testator devised a parcel of his land to his son, to be enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns, forever, with free privilege to take what coal he wanted for his own use or plantation of the home plantation; the land devised and the home plantation were both underlain with coal, but the latter, only, had a mine in operation. The privilege of taking coal from the home plantation was personal to the son, and did not descend to his heirs—*Youghiogheny vs. Pierce*, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 30th, 1893, 25 At. Rep. 1026.

Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Forfeiture of Mining Lease.

Where an agreement is made for a mineral interest in a certain tract of land for a term of years with the privilege of wood and water for mining purposes, imposing upon the lessees the duty of developing, testing and operating for minerals in a reasonable time, and the lessee agrees to pay one-tenth on the mineral that may be obtained, and to forfeit the lease if he fails to comply with his contract, the lessee could not continue to hold the lease without making any effort to mine for the minerals, as it would prevent the lessor from getting his tolls under the agreement, and deprive him of all opportunity to work the mine himself or permit others to do so.—*Maxwell vs. Todd*.—Supreme Court of North Carolina, 16 S. E. Rep. 926.

The Preparation of Pure Bismuth.—The only impurity contained in the bismuth used for pharmaceutical purposes is tellurium, and users of bismuth for medicinal preparations have been complaining of late. Messrs. Johnson, Matthey & Co., of London, who refine practically the whole of the bismuth used in England, state that there is no suitable or economical method of removing this impurity. They at present remove the gold, copper, lead, arsenic, and antimony. The two latter are removed by smelting the crude metal and allowing the fused mass to remain at a temperature about 513° C. The arsenic slowly volatilizes at this temperature, as also does the antimony at a temperature of 458°.

The Leblanc Process in Russia.—At a meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry held in London, April 10th, Mr. Bowman gave some particulars of the only Leblanc chemical works in Russia. The difficulties met with there were due chiefly to the extremely low temperatures in winter. At first the bleaching powder produced was found to be too strong in winter and unstable in summer, and the defect was only remedied by the introduction of a complicated system of steam pipes into the absorption chamber. The workmen wear a species of diving dress that is quite peculiar to these works. It consists of a leather jacket and helmet fitting tightly about the waist and wrists. The interior is supplied with air through a tube in the top of the helmet and the vitiated air is removed through a tube that leaves the helmet just in front of the mouth of the wearer. An ordinary blacksmith's bellows is used for supplying a current of air. The fuel employed at the works is naphtha residue from the petroleum fields of Baku.

VALVE FOR REGULATING WATER PRESSURE.

The accompanying illustration shows a valve intended to regulate the pressure of water passing through a pipe, which is described in a recent number of "Le Genie Civil." It is the invention of MM. Samain and O. Andre, engineers, of Paris. The regulation of water pressure in this way has not usually been considered practicable, owing to the incompressibility of the fluid and the peculiar ramming effect of a column of water, but the present device, it is stated, works in a satisfactory way. The illustration shows a cross-section of the valve.

In the cylinder E is placed a piston P with leather packing; the piston ends in another piston p, of smaller diameter, which works in a closed cylinder e. This cylinder is pierced at O O by a ring of small holes. The large piston P is held down by a spring R, the tension of which can be regulated by the screw C. The water which might collect under the small piston p is carried off by a small channel made in the piston rod. The current from above enters at A', fills the chamber M, passes the holes O O, and runs into the chamber N to flow out in A. If we suppose that the spring R has been adjusted to counterbalance a column of water of 20 metres head, the piston P will remain at the bottom of its stroke, and the water will flow through freely. If the pressure increases beyond the amount fixed the piston P will be raised, and will raise also the small piston p; the latter will close the openings O O, and the entry of water into the chamber N will be stopped. The spring will then act on the piston, and the flow of water will be resumed. The action takes place so quickly that it can hardly be perceived.

The use of this valve permits the regulation of the flow of water, diminishing the wear of pipes and valves, and also saving water. The regulation of pressure will be of especial use in certain cases, where a regular and steady flow is needed, as in some chemical and sanitary operations. It would also, in many cases, make possible the use of lighter pipes where economy is a special object.

THE ELECTROLYTIC MANUFACTURE OF CAUSTIC SODA AND BLEACH.

We have from time to time given accounts of the various attempts to manufacture caustic soda by electrolysis, and have pointed out what we considered the chief obstacles to success. Among these the gravest was, in our opinion, the corrosion of the anode. Messrs. Richardson and Holland, of the Electrolytic Caustic Soda and Chlorine Trust, Limited, have attacked this difficulty in a very practical manner, and have, we believe, overcome it to all intents and purposes. Instead of trying to produce or discover some form of carbon which will not disintegrate when used as an anode, they approached the difficulty from another direction and looked for the cheapest possible form of anode. This they found in gas retort carbon in the crude form in which it is obtained from the gasworks. These pieces of retort carbon have two saw cuts made in them at one end, and are then cast into leaden backs. They are thus held in lead. The anodes are so arranged that the lead does not enter the liquid, so that it is not eaten away—chlorine gas having little corroding action on it. These anodes are very cheap, as retort carbon is almost a waste product, and the lead can be used over and over again. The cost of renewal of anodes of this description is very trifling. Messrs. Richardson and Holland are therefore to be congratulated on having overcome the great obstacle to success.

The Electrolytic Caustic Soda and Chlorine Trust have erected model works at Snodland, Kent, England, which are large enough to demonstrate the manufacture of caustic and bleach on a commercial scale. The plant consists of a 50 H. P. engine and dynamo. With these we are not concerned in the present case, as the efficiency of engines and dynamos is well known already. The dynamo gives 80 volts, and the circuit is led to the vat-room, the vats being connected in series. A pressure of six volts is allowed for each vat, which is somewhat high, but experience at Snodland has led to the adoption of that figure. The vats are made of slate. The anode chambers are closed with slate lids, with the lead backing of the anodes attached to the lower side by bolts passing through the lid, which also make the circuit. The cathode chamber is open to the air. There is no porous partition, the side of the anode chamber being merely carried down a little way into the liquid. The inventors consider this point of great value, on account of the saving of the resistance due to the porous diaphragm generally used.

The vats are of such a size that with six volts pressure the liquor gains 1% of caustic per day. It is generally run off at 4%. The chlorine is led off and is conducted to milk of lime agitators, where it is absorbed, and to an ordinary bleach chamber. The milk of lime is best when the bleach is to be used at once, as at Snodland, where it is supplied to a large paper mill close to the works. The bleaching chamber is used to demonstrate the manufacture of ordinary bleaching powder. The caustic liquor, which still contains a large amount of salt, is evaporated down. The salt crystallizes out, and is sent back to the vats again. The caustic made by this process is entirely free from sulphate and carbonate, and practically free from chloride.

The syndicate have secured the services of an experienced alkali manager, Mr. J. Leith, and have given him charge of the works. Mr. Leith, we are informed, makes the process give a balance of 46% above labor and material on a small scale at Snodland, where coal is 11s. per ton, and salt and lime 20s. per ton, and with an old and obsolete type of engine. In an alkali district, where coal, salt, and lime are cheaper, and with an efficient generating plant, he estimates the balance at 265% above prime works cost. This is, of course, an enormous margin, and shows that those who take up the manufacture of electrolytic soda at once may be able to make enormous profits before the price comes down.

The illustrations, Figs. 1, 2 and 3, represent sectional views and a plan respectively of one of the vats.

We hear on good authority that Messrs. W. T. Gibbs & Co. have recently purchased a water-power at Ottawa, estimated at 15,000 H. P.,

* From the London "Industries."

which will be used entirely for electrolytic processes. We believe it is intended, among other things, to manufacture chlorate of potash, caustic potash, and bleaching powder, a good share of which is intended for export. It is also currently reported that Mr. John Brock and Dr. Ferd. Hurter are about to proceed to the United States to critically examine the Le Sueur process and its merits.

Coal Mining Accidents.—The Pottsville correspondent of the Hazelton "Sentinel" has had the patience to make a list of the mine accidents in the counties of Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon and Northumberland since 1867. Since that time there have been 4,763 deaths due to mining, and 1,820 which may be classed as due to railroad work, a total of 6,580. Of this number 4,218 were men over 21 years of age, and 3,310 were married.

The perils of mining have been greatly diminished within the last few years, but they still call for increased vigilance, the use of all possible safety appliances, and, above all, the employment of intelligent, trustworthy men in positions of responsibility.

PATENTS-PUBLISHED IN GREAT BRITAIN

The following is a list of the patents published by the British Patent Office on subjects connected with mining and metallurgy:

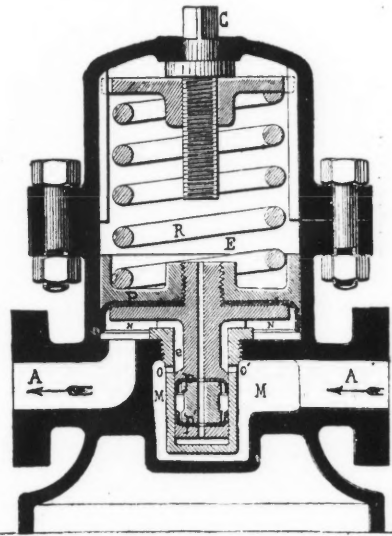
WEEK ENDING APRIL 19TH, 1893.

- 7,302 of 1892. Refining Iron by Blast of Ozonized Air. A. Turner and M. B. Baird, Glasgow.
- 8,478 of 1892. Coal Washing Plant. W. O. Wood and C. Burnett, South Hetton, Durham.
- 8,533 of 1892. Discharging Apparatus for Coke Ovens. R. de Soldenhoff, Cardiff.
- 9,132 of 1892. Welding by Electric Arc. H. Howard, Birmingham.
- 9,349 of 1892. Explosive Composed of Chlorate of Potash, Cellulose and Starch. J. G. Lorrain, London (G. Schnebelin, Paris).
- 70 of 1893. Miner's and other Picks, with Renewable Points. W. K. Birkinshaw, Derby.

- 496,126. Storage Battery. Frederick A. La Roche, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 496,153. Sectional Steam Boiler. Godfrey Engel, South Rutherford, Md.
- 496,167. Machine for Shearing Metal. Daniel McGarry, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 496,205. Process of Manufacturing Oxide of Zinc Pigment. Carl V. Petrus, Joplin, Mo., Assignor to Oliver H. Picher, same place.
- 496,218. Process and Apparatus for Tempering or Hardening Steel Wire. Henry E. Procnier, Oak Park, Assignor to the American Spring Company, Chicago, Ill.
- 496,236. Cable Railway. John B. Smithman, Oil City, Pa.
- 496,250. Apparatus for Reducing and Smelting Sulphide Ores. Augustus L. Engelbach and Sidney E. Bretherton, Leadville, Colo.
- 496,316. Hole Straightener. Patrick H. Mack, Bradford, Pa.
- 493,317. Enlarging Under Reamer for Oil or Artesian Wells. Patrick H. Mack, Bradford, Pa.
- 496,323. Bailor for Oil or Artesian Wells. William Plotts, Mount Jewett, Pa.
- 496,329. Telfer System. Charles J. Van Depoele, Lynn, Mass. C. A. Coffin and Albert Wahl, administrators of said Van Depoele, deceased, Assignors to the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, Boston, Mass.
- 496,337. Roll for Rolling Wear Plates. James Churchward, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 496,384. Furnace. William McClave, Scranton, Pa.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1893.

- 496,391. Gold Separator. Albert M. Blair, Littleton, Colo.
- 496,395. Manufacture of Guns. John H. Brown, New York, N. Y.
- 496,427. Electrically Operated Overhead Traveling Crane. William H. Morgan, Alliance, O., Assignor of three-fourths to Thomas R. Morgan, Sr., Thomas R. Morgan, Jr., and John R. Morgan, same place.
- 496,428. Locomotive Crane. William H. Morgan, Alliance, O., Assignor of three-fourths to Thomas R. Morgan, Sr., Thomas R. Morgan, Jr., and John R. Morgan, same place.
- 496,430. Locomotive Jib Crane. William H. Morgan, Alliance, O.
- 496,432. Magnetic Crane. William H. Morgan, Alliance, O.
- 496,433. Pillar Crane. William H. Morgan, Alliance, O.
- 496,443. Gas Burner for Furnaces. James S. Rogers, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
- 496,490, 496,491. Rolling Machine. Aaron B. Shippee, Providence, R. I., Assignor to Albert W. Chapman, same place.
- 496,523. Hydrocarbon Vaporizer and Burner. Joseph H. Mathews, Canton, O.
- 496,546. Process of and Apparatus for Recovering Carbon Dioxide. Walter Walker, London, Assignor to Dan Rylands, Limited, Barnsley, England.
- 496,567. Utilizing Electric Motors for Operating Machinery. Carl Hoffman and Ernst Richter, Berlin, Germany, Assignors to Siemens & Halske, same place.
- 496,593, 496,594. Electric Forge. George D. Burton, Boston, Mass., Assignor to the Electrical Forging Company, of Maine.



WATER PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE.

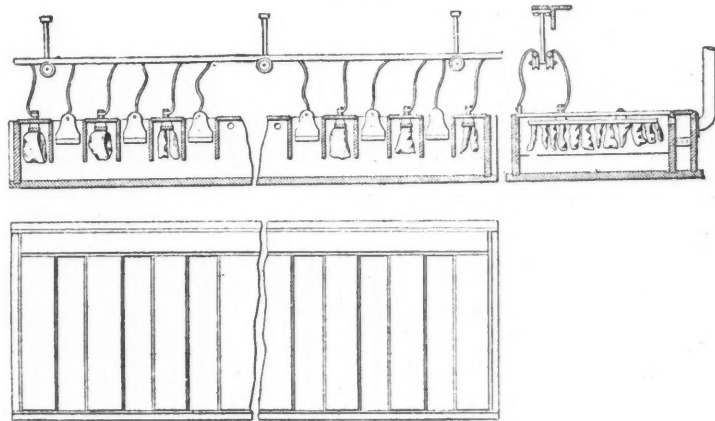


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.

FIG. 3.

VAT FOR ELECTROLYTIC SODA PROCESS.

- 499 of 1893. Producing Pure Nickel Sulphide. W. P. Thompson, Liverpool (Robert M. Thompson, New York).
 - 3,747 of 1893. Electric Refining of Copper. M. Perreux-Lloyd, Paris.
- WEEK ENDING APRIL 26TH.
- 6,399 of 1892. Refining Copper by means of Hydrocarbon. J. C. Bull, London.
 - 7,235 of 1892. Electric Coal Cutting Machines. R. J. Charlton and H. Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 - 7,758 of 1892. Refining Pig Iron. H. Höfer, Hagen, Westphalia, Germany.
 - 8,079 of 1892. Bucket Chain for Elevating Coal. D. Westlake, Swansea.
 - 8,234 of 1892. Centrifugal Ore Concentrator. J. A. Mays, London.
 - 9,730 of 1892. Miner's Safety Lamps. O. T. Christie and W. Paulson, Nottingham.
 - 10,206 of 1892. Gas Heated Furnaces. J. E. Dowson, London.
 - 11,030 of 1892. Rolling Composite Metal Plates. F. C. Glaser, Berlin.
 - 15,978 of 1892. Pulverizing Cylinders. J. R. Alsine, London.
 - 18,418 of 1892. Coal Washing Machinery. G. E. Allen, Maryport.
 - 498 of 1893. Separating Pure Sulphide of Nickel from Copper and other matter. J. L. Thomson, New York.

PATENTS GRANTED BY THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

The following is a list of the patents relating to mining, metallurgy and kindred subjects issued by the United States Patent Office:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 1893.

- 495,939. Method of Welding Metal. Arthur J. Moxham, Johnstown, Pa.
- 495,992. Windmill and Pump Regulator. Philip A. Myers, Ashland, O.
- 496,019. Electric Soldering. Elihu Thomson, Lynn, Mass., Assignor to the Thomson Electric Welding Company of Maine.
- 496,032. Process of Smelting Ores and Refining Metals. Charles M. Allen, Butte, Mont., Assignor of one-half to William J. Chalmers, Chicago, Ill., and Lamartine C. Trent, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 496,033. Converter. Charles M. Allen, Butte, Mont., Assignor of one-half to William J. Chalmers, Chicago, Ill., and Lamartine C. Trent, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 496,034. Tnyers. Charles M. Allen, Butte, Mont., Assignor of one-half to William J. Chalmers, Chicago, Ill., and Lamartine C. Trent, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 496,084. Rolling Mill. Charles L. Fitzhugh, Allegheny; John Z. Speer, and Seward S. Babbitt, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 496,089. Sectional Steam Boiler. William M. Mackay, Newark, N. J., Assignor to the Richardson & Boynton Company, New York, N. Y.
- 496,092. Hot Blast Stove. George W. McClure and Carl Amaler, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 496,109. Process of Manufacturing White Lead. Arthur B. Browne, Cambridge, Mass., Assignor by mesne assignments to the American Lead Company, Kittery, Me.

- 496,615. Apparatus for the Manufacture of Salt. Mauricio M. Monsanto, New York, N. Y. Emma M. Monsanto, administratrix of said Mauricio M. Monsanto, deceased.
- 496,672. Dumping Car. William A. Thacher, New York, N. Y.
- 496,687. Process of Treating Phosphates. Phillip C. Hoffman, Baltimore, Md., Assignor to the American Phosphate and Chemical Company, same place.
- 496,736. Construction of Ingot Molds. Charles Hodgson, Middlesbrough, England, Assignor to himself and John Hill, same place.
- 496,775. Electric Forge. George D. Burton, Boston, and Edwin E. Angell, Somerville, Mass., Assignors to the Electrical Forging Company, of Maine.
- 469,806. Furnace. Joseph W. Wilkinson, Des Moines, Ia., Assignor to Robert Dempster, same place.

DIVIDENDS PAID BY MINING COMPANIES DURING APRIL, 1893.

NAME OF COMPANY.	Paid in April.	Paid since Jan. 1st.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Paid in April.	Paid since Jan. 1st.
Alaska, Tr'd w'll, Alaska	\$50,000	\$125,000	Lexington, Colo.....	3,000	12,000
American Turquoise....	60,000	60,000	Maid of Erin, Colo.....	150,000	150,000
Belden Mica, N. H.....	5,000	20,000	Mayflower Gravel, Cal.	10,000	40,000
Bimetallic, Mont.....	40,000	160,000	Minnesota Iron, Minn.	210,000	420,000
Centennial - Eureka, Utah.....	22,500	67,500	Mollie Gibson, Colo.....	150,000	600,000
Champion, Cal.....	3,400	13,600	Napa Cons., Cal.....	7,200	28,800
Colorado Central, Colo.	13,750	27,500	North Star, Cal.....	.....	40,000
Colorado Fuel Co., Colo.	.....	67,120	Pacific Coast Borax.....	.....	15,000
Cons. New York, Nev.....	.....	10,000	Parrott, Mont.....	18,000	72,000
Copper Queen, Ariz.....	.....	100,000	Pharmacist, Colo.....	.....	24,000
Daly, Utah.....	37,500	150,000	Plumas, Eureka, Cal.....	26,367	26,367
De Lamar, Idaho.....	150,000	250,000	Quincy, Mich.....	.....	150,000
Elkhorn, Mont.....	.....	87,500	Red Cloud, Idaho.....	.....	10,000
Enterprise, Colo.....	25,000	100,000	Seven Stars, Ariz.....	.....	97,500
Golden Reward, S. Dak.	5,000	20,000	Sierra Butte, Cal.....	15,313	15,313
Great Western Quick-silver, Cal.....	12,500	50,000	Standard, Cal.....	.....	10,000
Hecla Con., Mont.....	15,000	60,000	Trinity River Hydraul., Colo.....	2,500	7,500
Homestake, S. Dak.....	12,500	50,000	Utah, Utah.....	.....	3,000
Hope, Mont.....	25,000	100,000	Victor.....	10,000	30,000
Horn Silver, Utah.....	.....	50,000	W. Y. O. D., Cal.....	3,000	12,000
Idaho, Cal.....	7,750	31,000			
Kennedy, Cal.....	.....	50,000	Total.....	1,050,280	\$3,447,700

PERSONALS.

Mr. F. E. Bachman has resigned his position as manager of Salem furnace at Salem, Va.

Mr. Ralph Modjeski, C. E., has removed his office in Chicago to room 760 Monadnock Building.

The office of Messrs. Handy & Harman has been removed to the Mutual Life building, No. 32 Nassau street, New York.

Mr. A. P. Hepburn, formerly Comptroller of the Currency, has been elected president of the Third National Bank of New York.

Mr. Frank Nicholson is now general manager of the Little Fannie Mine at Cooney, N. Mex., which has been leased by himself and some friends.

Col. Henry T. Douglas, formerly of the Baltimore & Ohio, has been appointed chief engineer in charge of the new topographical survey of the city of Baltimore.

Maj. Henry Fulton, mining engineer, of Boulder, Colo., is at present at Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, where he is engaged in some professional work in electricity.

Mr. Julian Kennedy, the well known consulting engineer of Pittsburg, recently delivered a lecture on "Modern Steelmaking" before the students of the Western Pennsylvania University.

Mr. W. D. Rees, president of the Republic Iron Company, has been appointed also treasurer of the Lake Superior Iron Company, succeeding Mr. Joseph S. Fay, who retires from active business.

Prof. Charles E. Wait, now of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and formerly of the Missouri School of Mines, has been elected a Fellow of the Chemical Society of London, a well merited honor.

Mr. Walter S. Church, of New York, formerly engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, has gone West for a time on professional business. His address for the present is Dubois, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Mr. Joseph S. Harris, the new president of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, has been appointed one of the receivers of the road also, in place of Mr. A. A. McLeod, who has been relieved by the court.

Mr. Stephen Noble, who has occupied the position of general manager of the Woodstock Iron Company for the past two years, has resigned and has purchased an interest in the Jenifer furnace, about 10 miles south of Anniston, Ala.

Mr. Francis T. Froelund has been appointed manager of the Aspen Contact and Binetalle Mining Company at Woody Creek, near Aspen, Colo. He has been for 12 years past a resident of Leadville, and was at one time superintendent of the Iron Silver.

Mr. George E. Webber, Jr., has resigned his position as manager of El Callao mines, in Venezuela, and will go to South Africa to take charge of the property of the Deep Levels Mining Company. Mr. Barry Searle succeeds Mr. Webber as manager at El Callao.

The family of the late Prof. John Strong Newberry, formerly professor of geology in the School of Mines, have offered as a gift to Columbia College his large scientific library. The collection will be known as the Newberry Library of Geology as a memorial to Professor Newberry.

The Spanish Cortes can show probably as large a proportion of mining engineers among its members as any legislative assembly of equal importance. Four of its members belong to that profession. Senors Juan Garcia del Castillo, Luis Villanova de la Cuadua, Lorenzo Martinez and Eduardo Gullin.

Col. George H. Mendell, Lieut.-Col. William H. H. Benyaurd and Maj. William H. Huer, all of the Corps of Engineers, have been appointed commissioners under the act of Congress to create the California Debris Commission and regulate hydraulic mining in California, generally known as the Caminetti bill.

Mr. Robert T. Frazier has been appointed manager of the Washington office of Howson & Howson, patent solicitors. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and has had an experience of five years as examiner in the Patent Office, having been promoted to the position of principal examiner.

Through a misunderstanding it was stated in the "Journal" of April 15th, that Prof. C. M. Fassett was in charge of the mineral exhibit of the State of Washington at Chicago. Mr. Leonard Singer has been and is superintendent in charge of that exhibit, and has shown much energy and good management in its preparation and arrangement at the Exposition. Professor Fassett has charge of one department only.

Mr. R. Konda, mining engineer of the Imperial Japanese Household Department, arrived at San Francisco by the "Belgie." It is his purpose to look after the interests of his government in connection with the mining industries department of the

World's Fair, and later to make a tour of the United States to inspect the principal gold, silver and copper mines, and obtain information of a technical nature likely to be of benefit in developing the mineral resources of Japan.

Mr. Frederick A. Scheller has been appointed general sales agent of the Stirling Company, manufacturer of the Stirling water-tube boiler, and will have his office at No. 74 Cortlandt street, New York. Mr. Scheller is well and favorably known; he was recently superintendent of the Brush Electric Company's works at Cleveland, O., and was formerly with the Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburg, and the Erie City Iron Works as superintendent.

Mr. John Fritz, of the Bethlehem Iron Company, has been awarded the Bessemer gold medal by the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain. This medal is given from a fund founded by Sir Henry Bessemer, and is awarded each year for distinguished services to the iron and steel industry. It is considered a high honor, but Mr. Fritz has fully deserved it. Among Americans who have received this medal are Mr. Abram S. Hewitt and the late A. S. Holly.

OBITUARY.

William Bryham, prominently connected with coal mining in England, died April 9th.

J. R. Hewitt, civil and mining engineer of Alvas-ton, England, died at that place March 27th.

William H. Phillips, proprietor of the Taunton Iron Works, Taunton, Mass., died suddenly at his residence in that city, April 23d.

J. Henry Stickney, a well known, retired iron merchant of Baltimore, Md., and the founder of the Stickney Iron Company, died May 3d, aged 81 years. Death resulted from prostration, due to an attack of the grip.

Samuel McHose, who died in Allentown, Pa., April 21st, aged 78 years, was for many years a successful builder and contractor. He built nearly all the blast furnaces in the Lehigh Valley and also several in New Jersey, and very few persons had more experience in that particular line.

Robert Patterson, a member of the firm of Hughes & Patterson, iron manufacturers, died in Philadelphia, April 19th, after a short illness. Mr. Patterson was born near Collegeville, Montgomery County, and was 73 years of age. He went to Philadelphia when about 21 years of age as a clerk in the Fairhill Rolling Mills. It was while thus engaged that he met Mr. Hughes, and the two formed a partnership and erected a small plant at Otis street wharf, which has prospered and developed until now it is one of the largest of its kind in Philadelphia.

SOCIETIES.

New York Academy of Sciences.—At the regular meeting in New York, May 1st, Prof. E. E. Barnard, of the Lick Observatory, California, read a paper on various observations made there on Saturn, Jupiter and some comets.

Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.—At the regular meeting in Montreal, May 4th, a paper on the "Quebec Land Slide of 1889," was read by the author, Mr. Chas. Baillairge. The discussion on Mr. J. S. Armstrong's paper on "Transition Curves" was resumed.

Engineering Association of the South.—At the regular meeting in Nashville, Tenn., April 13th, the subject for the evening was "High Duty Attachments for Non-rotative Pumping Engines." The discussion was opened by Mr. L. d'Anria in an address on various types of engines, and was continued by other members.

Engineers' Club of Cincinnati.—At the regular April meeting Mr. E. F. Layman read a paper on "Sidewalk Improvements in the Vicinity of Cincinnati," which comprised a review of the legislation enacted by the State of Ohio in the last few years pertaining to the construction of and manner of payment for sidewalk improvements, and a description of the proper construction, workmanship and materials necessary to secure the best results in building artificial stone sidewalks, which have been very generally adopted in the suburbs, an expenditure of \$400,000 having been made on them in a few years.

American Society of Civil Engineers.—At the regular meeting in New York, May 3d, a paper on the "Improvement of the James River, Virginia," by Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, was read and briefly discussed. This paper is supplementary to one by Colonel Craighill, published in the "Transactions" of the Society in 1888, and gives the results obtained by the work thus far accomplished. The writer was in local charge of the improvement from 1874 to 1881, and also from 1891 to the present time. Colonel Craighill's paper gives a clear statement of the condition of the problem, and work is still prosecuted in accordance with plans there given.

A circular from the secretary states that the board of direction has appointed a Committee of Information and Courtesy, consisting of Messrs.

Edward P. North, L. L. Buck, and Foster Crowell, with headquarters at the Society House, to extend to visiting engineers during the Columbian Exposition information and guidance to enable them to gain convenient access to works and objects of engineering interest throughout this country. It is hoped that members will aid the committee in this effort by communicating to it information as to works of either engineering or manufacturing interest, under their direction or in their vicinity, of which they have knowledge, and by extending facilities to visitors who may come properly accredited from time to time during the continuance of the Exposition. The committee has been constituted on the most economical basis consistent with the object, and in order to carry out the plan must rely largely on the voluntary services of members of the Society on the lines indicated. Members willing to co-operate are requested to address Committee Information and Courtesy, American Society of Civil Engineers, 127 East Twenty-third street, New York, giving information in detail, and stating at the same time what foreign language they may personally or through others have at their command.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The Jones and Lamson Machine Company is making rapid progress with the construction of its new machine shop at Springfield, Mass.

The Gillette Herzog Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., has decided to erect a foundry building as a part of its plant. The cost will be \$25,000.

Mr. James E. Weaver, of Pittsburg, has invented a new process for making fuel gas from crude petroleum, which is now being tested on a small scale.

The Woodward Iron Company, Woodward, Ala., has let the contract to the Elmore Iron Works, of Birmingham, for the construction of additional blast stoves for their furnaces at Woodward.

The Enterprise Boiler Works, Youngstown, O., are building four hot-blast stoves for Rosena Furnace, at New Castle, Pa. They are of the Massick & Crooke pattern, and are 18 x 65 ft., with stack 50 ft. high.

The Haulou Manufacturing Company, at Pennington, N. J., is introducing a new automatic boiler feeding apparatus, which is very convenient for use in many places, especially where water is taken from pipes or mains at a steady pressure.

At the meeting of the Fuel Gas Engineering Company held in their offices in Pittsburg recently, the following officers were elected: M. V. Smith, president; C. C. Morrow, secretary; John A. Elliott, treasurer; F. R. C. Perrine, general manager.

The Schultz Bridge and Iron Company, of Pittsburg, has closed a contract with the Akron Steam Forge and Iron Company, Akron, O., for the erection of a new forge and machinery building, for which about 270 tons of structural material will be required.

The present capacity of the Canton (O.) Steel Company is 10,500 tons annually, which includes both tool and spring steel in finished bars. Plans have been prepared for an additional iron building 100 x 125 ft. and a 15-ton furnace, which the company hopes to erect during the coming summer.

The Gordon Steam Pump Company, of Hamilton, O., and the Laidlaw-Dunn Company, of Cincinnati, have consolidated, and are in correspondence with the Canton (O.) Board of Trade in regard to locating there. The board has offered a tract of 10 acres close to the manufacturing district of Canton.

The Penn Steel Casting and Machine Company, of Chester, Pa., has just delivered to the Baldwin Locomotive Works 8 steel driving-wheel centers. The company is also completing a contract for 14 cast-steel anchors for the United States Government. Ten of the anchors weigh 12,000 lbs. and the others 10,000 lbs. each.

Messrs. John Maslin & Son, Jersey City, N. J., are presenting free to each user of their pulsometer pumps one of their new "perfect" air valves—an important attachment which is found to work well, and is capable of very close adjustment. All they require from users is the size of their pump or pumps.

The Boston & Lockport Block Company has issued its new illustrated catalogue for 1893, which shows a great variety of hoisting blocks of different patterns, differential hoists, sheaves and pulleys. Besides these the catalogue has illustrated lists of car-pushers, warehouse trucks of several patterns, wagon jacks, faucets and mallets.

At the Carnegie Steel Company's works at Homestead, Pa., on the 1st inst., 50 workmen struck against a new wage scale which went into effect that day, and under which a reduction in wages was made. It is said that the former union men intend returning to work to get even with the present strikers, who accepted their positions last summer. Trouble is mentioned in other departments of the mill.

The Bessemer Steel Company, Indianapolis, Ind., has now three cupolas with a combined melting ca-

NEW YORK MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS. DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES. NON-DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

Main table of New York Mining Stock Quotations, listing companies like Adams, Alice, Amador, etc., with columns for dates (April 29, May 1-5) and sales.

Ex-dividend. +Debit at in New York Stock Ex. Unlisted securities. †Assessment paid. ‡Assessment unpaid. §Dividend shares sold, 7,920. Non-dividend shares sold, 9,250. Total shares sold, 17,170.

BOSTON MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Main table of Boston Mining Stock Quotations, listing companies like Atlantic, Bodie, Bonanza Development, etc., with columns for dates (Apr. 28, Apr. 29, May 1-4) and sales.

Dividend shares sold, 10,655. Non-dividend shares sold, 7,528. Total shares sold, 18,183.

DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

NON-DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

Large table detailing company information, capital stock, shares, assessments, and dividends for various mining companies, organized into two columns.

DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

NON-DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

Main table with columns for Name and Location of Company, Capital Stock, Shares, Assessments, Dividends, and Name and Location of Company, Capital Stock, Shares, Assessments. Includes entries for Derbee B. Grav., Dexter, G., Dunkin, S. L., etc.

G. Gold, S. Silver, L. Lead, C. Copper, B. Borax. * Non-assessable. † This company, as the Western, up to December 10th, 1881, paid \$1,400,000. ‡ Non-assessable for three years. § The Deadwood previously paid \$275,000 in eleven dividends and the Terra \$75,000. ¶ Previous to the consolidation in August, 1884, the California had paid \$31,320,000 in dividends, and the Cons. Virginia \$42,390,000. ** Previous to the consolidation of the Copper Queen with the Atlanta, August, 1885, the Copper Queen had paid \$1,350,000 in dividends. †† This company paid \$190,000 before the reorganization in 1880. ‡‡ This company acquired the property of the Raymond & Ely Company which had paid \$3,075,000 in dividends. **** Previous to this company's acquiring Northern Belle, that mine declared \$2,400,000 in dividends against \$425,000 in assessment.

COAL AND COAL RAILROAD STOCKS.

Table with columns for Stock Name, April 29, May 1, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5, and Sales. Lists various coal and railroad stocks with their respective prices and sales figures.

*Ex-dividend. Total shares sold, 453,345.

INDUSTRIAL AND TRUST STOCKS.

Table with columns for Stock Name, April 29, May 1, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5, and Sales. Lists industrial and trust stocks with their respective prices and sales figures.

Total sales, 1,380,695.

CALIFORNIA. San Francisco.

Table with columns for Stock Name, April 29, May 1, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5, and Sales. Lists California stocks from San Francisco.

COLORADO. Aspen.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Bid, and Asked. Lists Colorado stocks from Aspen.

Colorado Springs, April 29.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Bid, and Asked. Lists Colorado Springs stocks.

Denver.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Bid, and Asked. Lists Denver stocks.

Total sales, 133,200.

Rico, April 29.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Bid, and Asked. Lists Rico stocks.

MARYLAND. Baltimore.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Maryland stocks from Baltimore.

MINNESOTA. Duluth.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Minnesota stocks from Duluth.

UNLISTED STOCKS.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists unlisted stocks.

MISSOURI. St. Louis.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Missouri stocks from St. Louis.

MONTANA. Helena.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Montana stocks from Helena.

PENNSYLVANIA. Philadelphia.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Pennsylvania stocks from Philadelphia.

Pittsburg.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists Pittsburg stocks.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists various gas and utility stocks.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Deadwood.

Table with columns for Company, Bid, and Asked. Lists South Dakota stocks from Deadwood.

Pipe Line Certificates.

Table with columns for Week Ending, High, Low, and Sales. Lists pipe line certificates.

Total sales in barrels, 17,000.

FOREIGN QUOTATIONS. London.

Table with columns for Highest, Lowest, and Sales. Lists foreign quotations from London.

Paris, April 20.

Table with columns for Company, No., D't'ht in office, Day of sale, and Amt. per sh'rs. Lists Paris quotations.

ASSESSMENTS.

Table with columns for Company, No., D't'ht in office, Day of sale, and Amt. per sh'rs. Lists assessment information.